

Virginia Mayflower Society Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY*

You must be a high school senior or home-school equivalent, a undergraduate or graduate student under the age of 26 enrolled in an accredited educational institution.

You must be any one or more of the following:

- A Virginia resident
- Related to a Virginia resident
- A member or related to a member of the Virginia Mayflower Society.

You must have a grade point average of B or the equivalent.

You must be sponsored by one of your current teachers or by a member of the Virginia Mayflower Society.

* Family members (children, nieces and nephews, and in-laws of members) of the Society's Board of Assistants or of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE \$1,620 SCHOLARSHIP

By the March 15, 2017 DEADLINE, provide the Scholarship Committee with all of the following:

1. A brief resume showing academic achievement and community service.
2. Your sponsor must provide a letter setting out the name, address, telephone number/contact information for you and your sponsor.
3. A copy of your academic transcript for the current year and the previous two years.
4. An original essay on this year's subject of no more than 1500 words in the MLA, APA, or Chicago Manual of Style. The essay must cite a minimum of 5 print/web sources, but do not cite Wikipedia. Do use spell check or grammar check. Submit a hard and/or electronic copy.

Applicants will be judged on their academic record, resume, and, predominantly, on the essay.

ESSAY SUBJECT FOR 2017

In 1620, 102 passengers sailed on the Mayflower with a crew of 30. During the crossing, one died and a child was born keeping the number at 102. During the winter of 1602/21 death plagued the Colony and only 51 passengers survived. By the time of the first Thanksgiving, Peregrin White was born bringing the number to 52. Did the death of many of the Pilgrims change the concept of family? If it did not change, how did the survivors embrace and raise orphaned Pilgrim children?

Send your submissions to James H. Maloney, Scholarship Chair, at:

1763 Bluff Mountain RD, Madison, Va 22727-3379 or
mayflower@maloneylaw.com

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Named for the former Governor General of the General Society and past Governor of the Virginia Society, the mission of the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund is to encourage and support the study of the Mayflower Pilgrim experience and values.



ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Our full name is The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Founded in 1950, we are the Virginia component of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, a non-profit hereditary, charitable, and educational society based in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Each of our members is descended from one or more passengers aboard the Mayflower's historic voyage in 1620.



For more information, please visit: www.VirginiaMayflower.org