

## TEXAS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

### 2017 SCHOLARSHIP

#### **Purpose:**

The Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants (TSOMD) Scholarship has been established to assist deserving descendants of TSOMD members in acquiring a higher education, with a view to their becoming better prepared for life and citizenship. In the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated commitment to bettering themselves and who will likely benefit from a scholarship.

#### **To Whom Given:**

- 1 Texas graduating high school seniors, who will be accepted for enrollment in an accredited institution of higher learning either in Texas or Out-of-state (college, university, community college). The graduate may hold a Texas Junior Mayflower membership number, or have a parent or grandparent who is a current verifiable member in good standing of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants.
- 2 Amount of scholarship awards: First Place Winner: \$3,000; Second Place Winner: \$1,000.
- 3 Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college, university, or community college where the graduating senior students have been accepted for enrollment. The awards will go to assist in the payment of tuition fees.
- 4 If a student selected for the scholarship fails to enter the school of his/her choice of higher learning, then he or she shall forfeit the scholarship. If the First Place Winner does not go on to college, the Second Place Winner will advance to First Place and the Third Place Winner will advance to Second Place. Further if a Second Place Winner does not go on to college, the Third Place Winner will advance to Second Place Winner.

#### **Qualifications for Scholarship**

An applicant must:

1. Be a U.S. Citizen and must include in the application a copy of birth certificate or passport.
2. Hold junior membership in the Mayflower Society or have a parent/grandparent who is a current member of the Texas Society Mayflower Descendants (TSOMD) and provide Texas state membership number. Documentation is required with National and State numbers.
3. Be in the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on SAT or ACT (provide copy of scores).
4. Be a resident of the state of Texas and show proof of residence (examples: (1) Current U.S. Passport, (2) Texas driver's license, or (3) High School Student I.D.).
5. A GPA of 3.0 or higher based on a 4 point scale. (Copy of original record transcript showing GPA).
6. Properly complete and submit Application Form. (see Attachment #3)

**Applicant Guidelines to follow: "A Must Do List for all Student Applicants."**

1. Submit documentation for information noted on Eligibility criteria: birth certificates, proof of residence, GPA/Grades/SAT and or ACT scores.
2. Submit application (Attachment #1) by January 23, 2017, of the current year.
3. Distribute recommendation form to one academic teacher (math, science, social studies, or English). (See Attachment 2)
4. Distribute the Character Recommendation form to one person other than family. (See Attachment 3)
5. Write an essay of 500-600 words entitled (choose one topic only) and please Attach to your Application.
  - a. "The Hardships Endured in Establishing Plymouth Colony."
  - b. "The Significant Influence of the Mayflower Compact on the American Constitution."
  - c. "Religion's Role in the Separatists' Migration to the New World."
  - d. "What does My Mayflower Ancestor Mean to me?"
  - e. "What Mayflower Pilgrim Do You Best Identify With and Why?"
6. If selected as a finalist, the applicant may be interviewed by the Texas Mayflower Scholarship Selection Committee via telephone or Skype.
7. The Scholarship recipient and parents will be invited to be guests of the Texas Society at the annual State Meeting.
8. **Submit by January 23, 2017, the entire application packet (in one package) postmarked by deadline date by mail. (Incomplete or late submission will not be considered).**

Send completed packet to:

**Mr. Charles Prince, Scholarship Committee Chairman Texas**

**Society of Mayflower Descendants**

**14815 Mesa Vista Dr.**

**Houston, Texas 77083**

**Telephone: 281-983-9510 or E-mail: pilgrimprince@gmail.com**

9. **No copies of photos of applicant are to be sent in packet. If applicant has any questions, please contact the above listed chairman.**

## Selection Process

Properly completed forms from all applicants will be evaluated by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will select the year's winner by March 1, 2017.

**Only applications completed correctly and submitted in one package by January 23, 2017, deadline will be considered.** Incorrect applications are discarded and no records are returned. Scholarships are awarded regardless of race, religion, sex, or national origin. Personal photographs must not be submitted. **The Selection Committee will notify the Scholarship Chairman of the winners.** The winners of the scholarship will be notified no later than March 10, 2017, by the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants (TSOMD) State Scholarship Chairman.

### **Evaluation Criteria: (Based on 100 points as shown below)**

5-Points-Properly Completed Application.

10-Points-Academic Recommendation from an Academic Teacher (Math, Science, Social Studies or English).

10-Points-Character Reference from nonfamily members.

**10-Points-60** percentile on SAT or ACT.

**10-Points-GPA** of 3.0 or higher on a 4 point scale.

10-Points-Awards/Honors/Good Citizenship Awards/Leadership Position in school or a community organization (club).

15-Points-Community Service (Example: Church, Volunteer Work, Scouting, 4-H, Etc.,)

30-Points-Essay (500-600 words): The Essay must be TYPED, double spaced, using 12 point type.

**Total: 100 Points**



Date: Fall 2016

Dear Applicant,

The Texas Society of Mayflower descendants will be offering two scholarships to qualified graduating seniors who will be attending a school of higher learning in the fall of 2017. The winning scholarship will be in the amount of \$3,000. The runner up scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school in which the student is accepted/enrolled. The student needs to meet the following criteria to be considered for the scholarship:

1. Be a USA Citizen.
2. Himself/Herself, be a junior member of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants or parent/grandparent a member of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants.
3. Have a score in the 60th percentile on the ACT or SAT .
4. Be a resident of the state of Texas.
5. Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher based on a 4.0 scale .
6. Properly complete and submit application form by January 23, 2017 to your local colony contact person.

If you feel that you are qualified, the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants (TSOMD) would like to invite you to apply for our scholarship award . You may download an application by going to the website: [www.texasmayflower.com](http://www.texasmayflower.com) and click on scholarship link.

**You are requested to notify the Scholarship Chairman via email at [pilgrimprince@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimprince@gmail.com) that you are actively pursuing a chance to be awarded a scholarship, to help us follow your progress.**

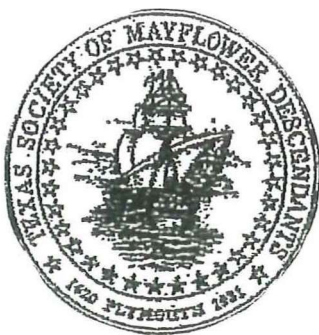
Best wishes to you as you continue your education .

Sincerely,

Charles R. Prince, Scholarship Committee Chairman

Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants

Phone: 281-983-9510; E-mail: [pilgrimprince@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimprince@gmail.com)



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Attachment 1

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(Please Print using Black Ink)

Fill in the blanks for the information requested below.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    First                                    Middle                                    Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    (P. O. Box or House Number and Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                                    State                                    Zip Code

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    (Home and Cell)

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a Junior Member, please list your Texas Jr. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address of **Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                                    State                                    Zip Code

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: List Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants number: \_\_\_\_\_

If a parent is not a member of the society, please list Grandparent who is a member of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants.

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Name of Grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_

(P. O. Box or House Number and Street)

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Best Number to be reached)

Grandparent: List TSOMD number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student's High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of a person who can be your character reference. (No family members)

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Names of an Academic Teacher (Math, Science, Social Studies, and English): phone/e-mail where he/she can be reached.

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Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

MM/DD/YYYY

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Awards/Honors/and Leadership Positions:

Please list each on a separate line.

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Community Service and/or Church Activities, and leadership positions, exclusive of High School Activities:

Please list each on a separate line.

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Employment History, if any.

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Course of Study:

Briefly describe the current status of your academic plans for the immediate future.

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Do we have your permission to advertise your award?    Yes      No      (17 and under parent's permission needed)

Note to Applicant: Remember to attach your essay.

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Academic Teacher to Fill out-Return to Student  
Attachment 2

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TSOMD  
ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS: The student is to fill out the upper portion (name and date) of this form; then give the form to an Academic Teacher, (Math, Science, Social Studies, or English) familiar with your high school work. The selected an Academic Teacher recommending you will return the form to you in a seal/taped envelope with his/her signature written across the seal. Student: (Do Not Open) Submit the sealed envelopes as part of your Application Packet.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Teacher's Instructions: The person named above is applying for a Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship for the upcoming University/College academic year. Please complete the form below. You may also submit a separate typed letter of recommendation and attach it to this form.

How long have you known the Applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank the applicant in these areas listed below. If you have no basis for ranking in a particular category, then check: No Opportunity To Observe (NOTO).

(NOTO) Poor Fair Good Excellent Exceptional

1. Academic Ability \_\_\_\_\_
2. Intellectual Curiosity \_\_\_\_\_
3. Writing Skills \_\_\_\_\_
4. Leadership Skills \_\_\_\_\_
5. Verbal Communication \_\_\_\_\_
6. Research Skills \_\_\_\_\_
7. Study Skills \_\_\_\_\_
8. Working Collaboratively \_\_\_\_\_
9. Honesty \_\_\_\_\_
10. Dependability \_\_\_\_\_
11. Adaptability \_\_\_\_\_
12. Imaginative \_\_\_\_\_
13. Insightful \_\_\_\_\_
14. Respectful of Others \_\_\_\_\_

Other outstanding academic characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

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Academic Teacher to Fill out-Return to Student  
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I would rank this student in the (top 50%) (top 25%) (top 10%) (top 2%) of students I have ever taught. Please Circle one.

Thank you for helping us to select a recipient of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship (TSOMD) for this year. Application packets must be postmarked by January 23, 2017. Please make certain that the applicant receives your Academic Recommendation in time to meet this deadline.

Name of Teacher: Title: —  
Name of School: —  
Address: —  
Date: —  
Contact: Phone and e-mail: —

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CHARACTER REFERENCE  
FORM

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS: The student is to fill out the upper portion of this form (name and date). Then give the form to a person not a member of your family; but who knows you well. The person recommending you will return the form to you in a seal/taped envelope with their signature written across the seal. Student: (Do Not Open) Submit the sealed envelope as part of your Application Packet.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Character Reference Instructions: The person named above is applying for a Texas Society Mayflower Scholarship (TSOMD) for the upcoming university/college academic year. Please complete the form below in a timely manner. You may also submit a separate typed letter of recommendation and attach it to this form.

How long have you known the Applicant?

\_\_\_\_ In what capacity?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please rank the applicant in the areas listed below. If you have no basis for ranking in a particular category, then check. No Opportunity To Observe. (NOTO).

(NOTO) Rarely Sometimes Frequently Usually Always

1. Dependable \_\_\_\_\_
2. Courageous \_\_\_\_\_
3. Introspective \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hardworking \_\_\_\_\_
5. Perseverant \_\_\_\_\_
6. Cooperative \_\_\_\_\_
7. Open Minded \_\_\_\_\_
8. Curious \_\_\_\_\_
9. Adaptable \_\_\_\_\_
10. Truthful \_\_\_\_\_
11. Helpful \_\_\_\_\_
12. Caring \_\_\_\_\_

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CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

List any other admirable personal qualities that are especially characteristic of the applicant.

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Put your recommendation in an envelope, seal/tape it, sign across the seal and return it to the applicant. Student: (Do Not Open) Application Packets must be postmarked by January 23, 2017. Please make certain that the applicant receives your recommendation in time to meet the deadline.

Thank you for helping us to select the recipients of the Mayflower Scholarship.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address/phone, e-mail where you can be reached.

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