

TEXAS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

2019 SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose:

The Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants (TSOMD) Scholarship has been established to assist deserving descendants of TXSOMD 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 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: \$5,000; Second Place Winner: \$2020, and a 3rd place winner: \$1620.
- 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 60th 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 31, 2019.
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, with cited references.
 - a. "The Hardships Endured in Establishing Plymouth Colony."
 - b. "What were the reasons for the Pilgrims to come to the New World from England and Holland?"
 - c. "Was your ancestor a "saint" or a "stranger"? What are the implications?"
 - d. "Why was the Mayflower Compact written, and what key principles did it set forth?"
 - 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 31, 2019, the entire application packet (in one package) postmarked by deadline date by mail. (Incomplete or late submission will not be considered). Please include 3 copies of the application, as they will be distributed to the selection committee for evaluation. This means EVERYTHING, including the references.**

Send completed packet to:

Dr. Jean H. deSchweinitz, Scholarship Committee
Chairman, Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants
4108 Greenway Ct.
Colleyville, Texas 76034
E-mail: j.des@sbcglobal.net

9. **Some advice for potential applicants:** (1) Remember that the committee consists of **THREE** individuals who do not live in the same city in Texas. **THREE** copies of your entire application are necessary – when you ask for your references, please ask the person writing the reference to make 3 copies, and put all of them in a sealed envelope. The other two committee members can't evaluate your application unless they have everything you have sent. (2) It is not advisable to wait until the last minute to begin. The information is always found online within the TXSOMD scholarship link by August at the latest. Note the deadline – as long as it is postmarked by the deadline, it will be accepted. (3) Choose your personal references carefully, especially the person writing the character reference. It is advisable to ask a teacher or an advisor, current or former, an employer (current or former), a church minister, a mentor (especially from community service you have performed), a scout leader, etc. It is not advisable to obtain a character reference from a personal friend. (4) **Cite your references at the end of the essay.** Submitting an essay with no references will result in an automatic deduction of points. **DOUBLE-check your facts when you write your essay; misstating facts will result in an automatic deduction in points.** (5) When you list your community service, the more specific you can be, the better. Describe **EXACTLY** what you did, and for how long.

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, 2019.

Only applications completed correctly and submitted in one package by January 31, 2019, deadline will be considered. Incorrect applications are discarded and no records are returned. Scholarships are awarded regardless of race, religion, sex, or national origin. **The Selection Committee will notify the Scholarship Chairman of the winners. The chair in turn will notify the State Governor, and the State Treasurer.** The winners of the scholarship will be notified no later than March 10, 2019, by the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants (TXSOMD) 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-60th 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: 2018

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 2019. 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 31, 2019 to Dr. Jean H. deSchweinitz, Chairman, Scholarship Committee.

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

You are requested to notify the Scholarship Chairman via email at j.des@sbcglobal.net 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,

Dr. Jean H. deSchweinitz, Scholarship Committee
Chairman, Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants

E-mail: j.des@sbcglobal.net

Scholarship Application -- TSOMD

Attachment 1

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(Please Print using Black Ink)

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)

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

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.

Employment History, if any.

Course of Study:

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

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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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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DESCENDANTS (TSOMD)

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.

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 29, 2018. 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.
