

Minnesota Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship

Our mission is to preserve the history of our Mayflower ancestors through genealogy, historical research, education and donations, while providing social and educational opportunities for our members.

The Minnesota Society of Mayflower Descendants (MSMD) has created a \$1000 annual* scholarship to benefit deserving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of (MSMD) seeking a higher education.

The Minnesota Society of Mayflower Descendants encourages all college or university students who are direct-line related to a member of our Society to apply for this scholarship. The scholarship, which is a one-time award of \$1000, will be payable to the student's tuition account at the college or university in which the student has enrolled.

To be eligible, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be a current member of the Minnesota Society or have a parent, a grandparent, or a great grandparent who is a current member.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
3. Applicant must enroll on a full time basis in a two-year community College or four year college in 2012-2013 academic year.

The Scholarship Application Deadline is March 1, 2012 with the recipient being announced by May 1, 2012

Send application and copies of all required attachments to:

Dolores Shellum, Scholarship Chair
7298 Lea Court
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

***The scholarship may not be given if the committee decides there are no qualified applicants.**

Materials for Submission

1. Completed application form
2. Three copies of your completed, typed application essay (handwritten forms not accepted).
3. Birth certificates as needed to prove lineage.
 - a. If you are a member of the MSMD no birth certificate is required.
 - b. If you, yourself, are not a member of the MSMD
 - i. If one of your parents is a member you will need a copy of your birth certificate.
 - ii. If your link to a member of the MSMD is a grandparent you will also need a copy of the birth certificate of the parent who is a child of the MSMD grandparent (total of two birth certificates)
 - iii. If your only link to a member of the MSMD is a great grandparent you will also need a copy of the birth certificate of the grandparent who is a child of MSMD member great grandparent (total of three birth certificates)
4. Copy of your high school transcript, including grades for your first semester senior year. The transcript should include GPA and class rank information.
5. SAT or ACT results.
6. Academic and Character Reference Recommendation Forms.

High School Awards and Honors (list each on a separate line):

High School Activities, exclusive of Community Service (list each on a separate line):

Community Service, exclusive of High School Activities (list each on a separate line):

Employment History, with most recent first (list each position on a separate line):

Course of Study (briefly describe your academic plans for the next two/four years):

College applications (list each college to which you are applying on a separate line):

Mayflower Scholarship Essay

An important portion of your application is the completion of a thoughtful, well-written essay.

Please write no more than 750 words reflecting on the statement:

“What My Mayflower Ancestry Means to Me”

Essays should be typed - 12 point, double-spaced

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CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out the first line of this form; then give the form to a person not a member of your family who knows you well. The person recommending you will return the form to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. Submit the sealed envelopes as a part of your Application Packet.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

RECOMMENDER INSTRUCTIONS: The person named above is applying for a \$1000 Minnesota Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year. Please complete the form below. You may also submit a separate typed character reference letter attached to this form.

How long have you know the Applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please select the word which most nearly describes the way the applicant manifests these qualities. If you have no basis for choosing, select No Opportunity to Observe.

Table with 7 columns: Quality, Rarely, Sometimes, Frequently, Usually, Always, No Opp. Rows include: Honorable, Dependable, Courageous, Insightful, Introspective, Hardworking, Perseverant, Cooperative, Open Minded, Curious, Adaptable, Honest, Helpful, Caring.

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

Put your recommendation in an envelope, seal it, sign across the seal and return it to the applicant. Application Packets must be postmarked by Feb. 28, 2012. Please make certain that the applicant receives your recommendation in time to meet this deadline.

Thank you for helping us to select the recipient of the 2012-2013 Mayflower Scholarship.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out the first line of this form; then give the form to a teacher, principal or guidance counselor familiar with your high school work. The person recommending you will return the form to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. Submit the sealed envelopes as a part of your Application Packet.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

RECOMMENDER INSTRUCTIONS: The person named above is applying for a \$1000 Minnesota Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year. Please complete the form below. You may also submit a separate typed letter of recommendation attached to this form.

How long have you know the Applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please select the word which most nearly describes the way the applicant manifests these qualities. If you have no basis for choosing, select No Opportunity to Observe.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Exceptional	No. Opp.
Academic Ability						
Intellectual Curiosity						
Writing Skills						
Leadership Skills						
Verbal Communication						
Research Skills						
Study Skills						
Working Collaboratively						
Working Independently						
Honesty						
Dependability						
Adaptability						
Imaginative						
Introspective						
Insightful						
Respectful of Others						

Other outstanding academic characteristics _____

I would rank this student in the (top 50%) (top 25%) (top 10%) (top 2%) of students I have ever taught.

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Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINE

Mail all materials in a large envelope to:

Doloras Shellum, Scholarship Chairman
7298 Lea Court
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Application materials must be postmarked by Feb. 28, 2012. Application submissions postmarked after that date or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS

Properly completed forms from among all applicants will be anonymously adjudicated by an Evaluation Committee of at least three (3) MSMD members. The committee will select the Minnesota Mayflower Society Scholarship winner and a first and second alternate.

Evaluation will be based on the following possible points of a total of 200:

Mayflower Essay	100 points
Class Rank	15 points
SAT/ACT	30 points
Academic Recommendation	15 points
Character Reference	15 points
Community Service	15 points
High School and Other Activities	10 points

NOTIFICATION

The winner and alternates will be contacted first to confirm the award. After the award is finalized, all applicants will receive a letter informing them of the winner and alternates.

DISTRIBUTION

The \$1000 will be paid directly to the student's tuition account after the successful completion of the student's first semester.

QUESTIONS

E-mail questions about the application process to dshellum@comcast.net.