



Missouri Mayflower Society Scholarship Instructions

Deadline: March 1, 2026

The Missouri Mayflower Society's scholarship essay competition is open to any high school senior with plans to attend an institution of higher learning in Fall 2026. Applicants research and compose an original essay on the Missouri Mayflower Society's historical question:

What was the Mayflower Compact and its influence on the U.S. Constitution?

The scholarship awards are sent to the students' account at the college or university in which they are enrolled. Three scholarship awards are offered:

1st place – \$1,500

2nd place – \$1,000

3rd place – \$500

Requirements

Essay: conduct research from credible sources on the annual historical question and produce a bibliography list. Endeavor to utilize the source list posted at: momayflower.org/links. Compose an originally written essay of no more than 750 words. The essay should be based on and cite your research but needs to present your original answer and perspective to the historical question. Consolidate your essay and bibliography in one formatted document (APA, MLA, or similar).

Personal Statement: compose a personal statement (one page or less) that summarizes your higher education goals along with school and community service participation.

Plagiarism: the essay and personal statement must be the applicant's original written work. Quotes must be clearly marked with quotations and paraphrases must include source citations. The use of spelling and grammar checks is encouraged but the use of artificial intelligence (AI) writing applications is prohibited. Detected plagiarism or AI writing will significantly lower the applicant's score.

Publicity. The applicant or applicant's parent/guardian must provide a media release that allows the applicant's name, photo, and essay to be published in the newsletter and website. If selected the applicant will be asked to provide a studio quality photograph; no photograph is required with the initial application.

Award Luncheon. The applicant and family are invited to Missouri Mayflower Society's Spring Luncheon Award Ceremony, where the awardee is asked to read their essay. Attendance is not required but encouraged.

Qualifications

Applicants must meet the following qualification requirements:

1. Missouri resident: provide a redacted copy of a driver's license or ID, transcript with student's address, or letter with applicant's name and address.
2. Academic performance: provide a school transcript with GPA showing student is in their senior year.
3. School or community service: provide a letter of recommendation that attests to school or community service.
4. Higher learning plans: provide a personal statement that states higher learning plans for Fall 2026.

Submission

Applicants must submit the following in electronic format suitable for emailing:

1. Scholarship application.
2. Essay with bibliography (DOC or PDF).
3. Personal statement (DOC or PDF).
4. High school transcript including GPA.
5. Letter of recommendation.
6. Missouri residency proof.
7. Media release.

Email packet to: scholarship1@momayflower.org

Contact: Dale Crandell, scholarship1@momayflower.org
Sandra Walker, scholarship2@momayflower.org

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Applicant

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Can you attend the Spring Luncheon Award Ceremony? Yes No

High School

School Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

School Contact (Principal/Counselor) _____ Title _____

School Contact Email _____ School Contact Phone _____

Mayflower Heritage

A Mayflower ancestor or Society membership is not required. This section is for information.

Do you have a Mayflower ancestor? Yes No If yes:

Ancestor's Name _____

Do you or a family member belong to the Mayflower Society? Yes No If yes:

Member Name _____ Relationship _____

State Society Name _____ Membership Number _____



Missouri Mayflower Society Scholarship Media Release (under age 18)

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City/State/Zip



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Signature

Date

Phone

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