

TEXAS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

CENTRAL TEXAS COLONY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2022 Scholarship

I OVERVIEW

The Central Texas Colony of the Texas Mayflower Society has established a \$1,000 annual scholarship program to assist qualified graduating high school Seniors who are descendants of Colony members in acquiring a higher education, with a view to their becoming better prepared for life and citizenship. The winner will be selected based on eligibility and the combined scores of: an essay on a given topic, a character recommendation form, an academic teacher recommendation form, academic performance, school related activities and extracurricular activities including job experience.

Administrative Details

This scholarship will be offered annually contingent on funding being available. If a scholarship is to be awarded in a given year, it will be announced in the summer preceding the award year. This process is contingent on receiving at least \$2000 in contributions to the Scholarship Fund in the year preceding the award year. Of these contributions, \$1000 will be used for the scholarship, and the rest will go to the scholarship endowment fund until the fund reaches \$25,000. After that the scholarship will be offered annually.

Eligibility

The scholarship recipient must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a child or grandchild of a Central Texas Colony member. A Texas Junior Mayflower membership number is acceptable based on relationship to a member of the Central Texas Colony.
2. Be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Texas.
3. Be a Texas high school graduating Senior accepted for enrollment in an accredited institution of higher learning.
4. Be in the 60th percentile or higher on SAT or ACT.
5. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or, if home schooled, provide other indication of scholastic success.
6. Be judged the winner in the competition outlined in Section II

General Timeline and Procedure

The competition will be announced the Summer before the award year. Application packets will be available by August 15. Properly completed entry packets must be received by January 15th of the award year. The winner will be notified no later than March 14th of the award year. The scholarship check will be written directly to the winner's chosen institute of higher learning when he/she provides proof of enrollment. If the winner fails to enroll or provide proof of enrollment, the scholarship will pass to the entrant with the next highest score.

II COMPETITION

Applicants must submit an application packet including all of the following:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Copy of birth certificate(s) or Junior Membership Number showing blood-line relationship to a member of Central Texas Colony
3. Proof of residence in Texas
4. GPA and SAT and/or ACT scores
5. Recommendation Form completed by an academic teacher
6. Character Recommendation Form completed by someone other than a family member
7. Essay of 500-600 words with cited references on an announced topic (3 copies)

2022 Essay Topic

Topics for this year's competition are (Choose one topic only):

- How is the story of the Mayflower relevant today?
- What Mayflower Pilgrim do you most identify with and why?
- What does my Mayflower ancestry mean to me?
- Compare the Mayflower experience with your experience during the 2020 pandemic.

The Essay must be TYPED, double-spaced, using 12-point type. All references must be cited at the end of the essay.

Three judges who are not members of Central Texas Colony will score the essay on a "blind-judging" basis. The judges will receive specific evaluating criteria to ensure consistency. A three-person Selection Committee will review all the material in the application packet as well as the essay scores.

How The Scores Are Compiled:

Criterion	Possible Points
1. Properly completed application	4
2. Academic recommendation from an academic teacher (Math, Science, English, or Social Studies)	11
3. Character reference from a non-family member	11
4. 60 th percentile on SAT or ACT	11
5. GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale	11
6. Awards/Honors/Good Citizenship Awards/Leadership position in a school or community organization (club)	11
7. Community service (church, volunteer work, Scouting, 4-H, etc.) and, if applicable, Employment (describe type and length).	11
8. Essay	30
TOTAL	100

Please note: All applications must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2022. Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted or evaluated. Because the essay judges do not necessarily live in the same city, it's critical that entrants provide three (3) copies of the essay. DO NOT put your name on your essay. It will be assigned a number before being sent to the essay judges; however, be sure your essay title is on your application form. This will allow the Selection Committee to match the essay scores to the correct applicant.

Final Submission of Application

Applicant must submit the entire application packet (in one package) via USPS postmarked by January 15, 2022. All items requested should be sent to the following Central Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Committee person.

Betty Prince, Scholarship Committee
Central Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants
16900 Stockton Drive
Leander, TX 78651-3305

No photos of applicant are to be sent in the packet.

If Applicant has any questions, please contact BettyPrince <bettyprince25@gmail.com>.

Some Final Tips For Applicants:

1. Have someone DOUBLE-CHECK your facts and your grammar and spelling. You may wish to use your computer's spell check feature, but then double-check to be sure the correct words were spelled where homonyms may occur.
2. Be sure to include both an Academic Reference and a Character Reference.
3. Choose your personal references carefully, especially the person writing the character reference. Ask a teacher or an adviser, 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. When you list your community service and/or employment, the more specific you can be, the better. Describe clearly and specifically what you did, and for how long.
5. ***If you are home-schooled***, your academic recommendation can come from any adult, other than a parent or relative, who has been involved in an academic activity or competition with you.

The winner will be notified no later than March 14, 2022.

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 15, 2021 Scholarship Competition opens. Packets are available.

January 15, 2021 This is the latest Applications can be postmarked.

March 14, 2022 Scholarship Winners will be notified by this date.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION