

TEXAS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

CENTRAL TEXAS COLONY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2023 SCHOLARSHIP

The Central Texas Colony has established a \$1,000.00 scholarship program to assist qualified descendants of Colony members in acquiring a higher education, with a view to their becoming better prepared for life and citizenship. In the Spirit of the Mayflower Pilgrims seeking a better life for themselves and their children in a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated commitment to improving themselves and who will likely benefit from a scholarship. The winner will be selected based on the combined scores of an essay on a given topic, an interview, a character recommendation form, an academic teacher recommendation form, academic performance, school related activities and extracurricular activities including job experience.

Eligibility Requirements:

Students applying for the scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a child or grandchild of a Central Texas Colony member (documentation is required including National and Texas membership number). A Texas Junior Mayflower membership number is also acceptable based on a 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 (preferably higher)

Application Packet:

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

1. Completed Application Form
2. Copy of birth certificate
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 the announced topic (3 copies)

2023 ESSAY TOPIC

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

- What inspiration do you find in the story of the Mayflower Pilgrims?
- What Mayflower Pilgrim do you most identify with and why?
- What does my Mayflower ancestry mean to me?.

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

Three judges will score the essay on a "blind-judging" basis. A three-person Selection Committee will review all the material in the application packet, as well as the essay scores. They will then interview finalists.

How The Scores Are Compiled:

Criterion	Possible Points
1. Properly completed application	5
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	10
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.) Employment (describe type and length).	11
8. Essay	30
TOTAL	100

Please note: All applications must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2023. 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, 2023. 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 78641-3305

1. **No photos** of applicant are to be sent in packet.

If Applicant has any questions, please feel free to contact Betty Prince at bettyprince25@gmail.com.

Some Final Tips For Applicants:

1. Have someone DOUBLE-CHECK your facts and your grammar and spelling.
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 in a competition with you.

The winner will be notified no later than March 15, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES:

**August 15, 2022 Scholarship Competition opens. Packets are available.
January 15, 2023 This is the latest Applications can be postmarked
March 15, 2023 Scholarship Winners will be notified by this date**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION!