



2026 Houston Colony Member Scholarship - Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants

January 2026

The Houston Colony Scholarship - Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants has been established to assist deserving descendants of SOMD members in acquiring 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.

A \$1,620 scholarship award will be paid directly to the US college, university, or community college in which the graduating senior student has been accepted for enrollment. The award will go to assist the student's payment for tuition and books only. If a student selected for the scholarship fails to enter a United States school of higher learning, then they will forfeit the scholarship. The scholarship may then be awarded to the runner up at the discretion of the Houston Colony Scholarship - Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants Selection Committee.

Eligibility For Scholarship Criteria: What a student needs to do to qualify.

- Be a graduating high school senior in the Fall of 2025 or Spring of 2026.
- Plan to enter a US institution of higher learning (2- or 4-year or community college) in the fall of 2026 for the first time.
- Show proof of US citizenship with a copy of birth certificate or US passport.
Show proof of Texas residence with a copy of valid Texas Driver's License, Texas ID card or high school student ID card.
- Show proof of GSMD, Texas and Houston Colony membership for you, your parent, or your grandparent through one of the following: the applicant's Texas Junior membership number or the applicant or their parent/grandparent's General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSOMD) or Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants (TSOMD) membership number. Houston Colony Membership of any of the above will be checked with our Houston Colony Treasurer records.
- Submit an official high school transcript. If home schooled, submit copies of achievement scores.
- Properly complete and submit Application Form, pages 1-3.

2026 graduates must submit complete applications to arrive at a time on or before March 01, 2026.

Send completed applications to:

Chelsea Reue
Houston Colony - Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants
8711 Ballinger
Houston, Texas 77064

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email no later than April 1, 2026. Scholarship recipients and their guests will be invited to attend a Spring 2026 luncheon (April/May date TBD) to be recognized. Photos for publicity may be taken at the event.

We are proud of our junior applicants and pleased to recognize their accomplishments as well as financially assist in furthering their education. Please feel free to contact Chelsea Reue at chelseareue@gmail.com with any questions.

Best of luck!



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____
Street Address _____ Apt/Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Info: _____
Email Address _____ Best Phone # _____

Parent's Email Address _____ Parent's Best Phone # _____

Choose
One: _____
Texas Junior membership number _____ General Society of Mayflower Descendants or
Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants membership number _____

Name of Houston Colony member you are related to _____ Name of High School, If home schooled, briefly describe _____

If graduated prior to spring 2026, please describe what you have done since graduation _____

By signing this application, you are certifying that all answers (pages 1-4) are true and complete to the best of your knowledge. False or misleading answers are grounds for disqualification and denial of award. If selected, you may be asked to supply information necessary to process your award with the school of your choice. Houston Colony - Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants reserves the right to use photos and other information relative to the award of this scholarship for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____



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ESSAY - Choose one topic only

Write an essay of 300-600 words on one of the listed topics:

- What Does My Mayflower Ancestry Mean to Me?
- How Does the Signed Document 'Mayflower Compact' Impact my Life Today?
- How Did the Role of Religion Work for the Mayflower Colony?
- What Mayflower Pilgrim Do You Best Identify With and Why?

Feel free to add pages or attach a separate document, as necessary.



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FUTURE PLANS

List the schools where you have applied (mark [AC] after each school where you have been accepted) or if you have been accepted and plan to attend a given school, please indicate so below:

If you have been personally involved with the Society of Mayflower Descendants in any way, please indicate how you first became involved. What has being involved meant to you and your family members?

REFERENCES

A written recommendation, limited to one page, may be submitted by non-family members knowledgeable of the applicant. While the recommendation is not required, it is highly recommended. The letter should be submitted with this application in a sealed envelope.

APPLICANT-SPECIFIC FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Applicant may provide any additional factors s/he considers relevant to the Scholarship Committee's determination. This discussion should not exceed one page and is optional.