



**Society Of Mayflower Descendants  
In The State Of Colorado**

Dear School Counselor,

Enclosed is the application for your students to apply for the Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants scholarship. Please make copies of this form to give out to any senior interested in applying. They do not have to be a Mayflower Descendant. Each year we present up to two seniors with a one-time scholarship for \$1620. The full amount is paid directly to the college, university or other institution where the student is enrolled with instructions that the amounts be applied to each of that year's semesters evenly. This is a one time scholarship, paid the summer before the student's first semester. The applications need to be emailed or postmarked by May 1, 2022.

The following is your prompt for this year:

Imagine that you are a 16–19 year-old member of the new Plymouth Colony in the autumn of 1621. The community has just celebrated a harvest festival, which inspired today's Thanksgiving holiday. The harvest is a welcome relief after 50 people died of starvation this past winter, including whole families and some of your friend's parents. Your assignment is to compose a letter to send to your friends or family members in England or Holland describing the celebration. Be thoughtful and in depth about your thoughts, feelings and behaviors at the celebration, including attitude towards Massasoit and the friendly indigenous people.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: You are to write this essay in your own words. It is not intended to be a research essay, but rather a personal letter exploring facets of the origins of the first Thanksgiving feast. Essays that include text copied directly from sources suggested, or any other sources, will be disqualified. Please include references for historical accuracy. Your essay must not exceed a total length of 750 words.**

Thank you for your assistance with this. Please let me know if you or the student has any questions.

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**COLORADO SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS  
2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

How did you hear about our state scholarship? school counselor      our website  
other \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only Colorado residents are eligible)

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR HIGH SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only students attending a Colorado High School are eligible)

**COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR OTHER INSTITUTION that you will be attending:**  
**If not known, when will you decide?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of institution:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL:**

**MAYFLOWER:** If you are descended from a 1620 passenger complete the following:  
Ancestor's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Is/was a member of your family a member of the Colorado Society? yes no  
Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is your prompt for the 2021-2022 school year:

Imagine that you are a 16–19 year-old member of the new Plymouth Colony in the autumn of 1621. The community has just celebrated a harvest festival, which inspired today's Thanksgiving holiday. The harvest is a welcome relief after 50 people died of starvation this past winter, including whole families and some of your friend's parents. Your assignment is to compose a letter to send to your friends or family members in England or Holland describing the celebration. Be thoughtful and in depth about your thoughts, feelings and behaviors at the celebration, including attitude towards Massasoit and the friendly indigenous people.

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