

Official Rules of the Sayler-Barbour Scholarship Application

1. The primary purpose of the Sayler-Barbour Scholarship Fund of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Kansas is to promote patriotic, historical and educational programs for youth. Toward fulfillment of that purpose, The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Kansas will offer one or more scholarships for university, college, community college, junior college, or technical school study for one school year
2. Applicants must be citizens of the United States. Each applicant must have a PRIMA FACIE PROVEN lineage* from any passenger on the Mayflower or the applicant is a senior member in good standing of the Kansas Society.
 PRIMA FACIE PROVEN lineage, means the applicant must be related to a present or past member of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Kansas by blood through the line through which such member was proved for the Society and is verifiable by the SMDSKS Corresponding Secretary and/or Historian.
3. For the current school year, the applicant may be a:
 - a. Senior in high school planning to enroll in a technical school, community college, junior college, college or university upon graduation, or
 - b. High school graduate desiring to return to school for additional schooling, or
 - c. High school graduate currently enrolled in further study at a technical school, community college, junior college, college or university.
4. Write an essay of approximately 750 words on the Mayflower Compact's influence on American democracy, self governance OR modern constitutional principles.
5. The essay is to be written in MLA format.
6. The Applicant must write at least one page describing your community service, leadership roles, goals for the future and how this university will help you achieve your goals.
7. Only an original of the Application, Essay and Paragraph will be accepted. **Electronic submission of documents will not be accepted.**
8. Two letters of reference must be written for you. One must be from a teacher, instructor, professor or advisor. The other must be a character reference. Each should contain the printed or typed name, address of the person writing it and should be mailed directly to the Scholarship Chair at the address indicated on each application.
9. A scholarship will be awarded to qualified applicants selected by the Sayler-Barbour Scholarship Committee; all decisions by the scholarship committee will be final.
10. The Award will be paid directly to the winning applicant's school by the Kansas Society Treasurer upon receiving proof that the applicant is enrolled as a full-time student. To qualify as a full-time student, the applicant must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours of study.
11. The scholarship awardees will be invited to read their essay at the spring meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Kansas.
12. **The Application Deadline is the postmark date specified on the Application. Any application not meeting the required postmark date or incomplete will not be considered.**
13. The essay must be written by the applicant in his/her own words, except for quotations from published and unpublished sources which are clearly indicated and acknowledged as such. Use of ChatGPT or other AI composition software is not permitted.
14. Criteria for Judging of All Scholarship Applications equals 100 points with a minimum score of 60 points to qualify.

Item	Possible Points
a. Application Preparation & Submission (All information must be provided as specified and complete)	10
b. Essay	
i. Format including citations	20
ii. Topic Focus	10
iii. Cohesiveness	10
iv. Depth of Discussion	10
c. One-page Personal Statement described in #7 above.	10
d. Scholastic Achievement	15
e. Recommendation	<u>15</u>
	Total points <u>100</u>