

**MILDRED RAMOS SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia**

The Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 to encourage and support the study of the Mayflower Pilgrim experience and values. It was named to honor Miss Mildred Ramos, who served as Governor of the Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia and Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. In keeping with the intent of the scholarship the award is for \$1,620.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- ❖ Applicant must be a high school senior or home school equivalent, a college undergraduate student, or a university graduate student under the age of 26 (as of March 17, 2024) enrolled in an accredited educational institution.
- ❖ Applicant must have a grade point average of at least B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent.
- ❖ Applicant must be a Virginia resident, related to a Virginia resident, related to a member, or a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- ❖ Applicant must be sponsored by a current teacher, school counselor, or a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
  - Members of the immediate families (i.e., children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sons-in-law, or daughters-in-law) of members of the Virginia Mayflower Society's Board of Assistants or of its Scholarship Committee are not eligible for scholarship awards.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

- ❖ Applicant must present a brief personal résumé including a description of their academic, extracurricular, and volunteer achievements.
- ❖ Applicant must present a brief statement on their future academic plans and how being awarded this scholarship will advance their plans.
- ❖ Applicant must present a copy of their official academic transcript for the preceding three years.
- ❖ Applicant must submit an essay of no more than 1,500 words in the MLA, APA, or Chicago Manual of Style format on the subject: .

**One man, Stephen Hopkins, was at Jamestowne Colony in 1610 and Plymouth Colony in 1620. He arrived in Jamestowne after being marooned in Bermuda following the wreck of the *Sea Venture*. How did this experience potentially shape decisions made during the early years of the Plymouth Colony?**

(Suggested reading / viewing: *Here Shall I Die Ashore*, Johnson, Caleb, 2007, Xlibris Corporation; *The Tempest* by Shakespeare; *Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck*, documentary by Andrew Buckley, <https://www.hitandrnhistory.com/>)

- Essay must include a list of all reference sources used to prepare the essay. Scholarly sources are recommended (e.g., history textbook, journal article, historical non-fiction, government document, encyclopedia). Print references must include full citations including page numbers. Wikipedia, Wikis, Blogs, and the like are not acceptable references. On-line references must include electronic addresses.
- Use of spellcheck, grammar check, etc. is highly recommended.

- Inclusion of text from other sources without citation / footnote is unacceptable and potential cause for disqualification.
- An essay using electronically generated text and/or essays written by anyone other than the applicant is considered plagiarism and will result in automatic disqualification.
- ❖ Application materials may be submitted in “hard-copy” printed form or submitted digitally via an e-mail attachment to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.
- ❖ Each applicant’s Sponsor must send a brief letter endorsing the applicant. The letter must also contain the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail of the applicant, as well as that of the Sponsor. The Sponsor should send the letter directly to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Applications will be judged by the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Committee based on their compliance with the eligibility requirements, on their academic record, and on their essay. The judging is based on a point system, with the essay being weighted higher than academic record. The Committee’s decision will be final.

## **DEADLINE**

- ❖ Applications must be received by the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Chairman by March 15, 2024.
- ❖ The Mildred Ramos Scholarship Committee will meet before April 1, 2024, to select the winner of the scholarship.
- ❖ The recipient of our 2023 Mildred Ramos Scholarship will be informed by the Governor of the Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia by April 19, 2024.

## **CONTACT**

Application materials and Sponsor letters should be sent to:

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