

THE ELIZABETH TILLEY COLONY
FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Elizabeth Tilley Colony (hereafter referred to as the Colony) of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants will annually award Scholarships to qualifying Members, Junior Members, or their blood relatives, who intend to further their education. The amount and number of these annual awards will be determined by the Colony Board of Directors at their November meeting. The Colony wishes to reward these individuals for their academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, and interest in their Mayflower heritage. The Colony hopes that this educational outreach will demonstrate its commitment to preserving the goals and objectives of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

WHO WILL QUALIFY?

The Scholarship may be awarded to any Member, Junior Member, or a blood relative of a current Member in good standing of the Elizabeth Tilley Colony who desires to further their education and is a US citizen. Such education can be at a trade school, vocational school, community college, junior college, college, or university. The applicant can be a high school senior or someone already attending, or plans to attend, these institutions. The Scholarship Committee will rank the applications with seniors in high school being given first consideration. In the ranking process, some additional credit will be given to Junior Members of the Elizabeth Tilley Colony.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Application form - The Applicant must complete the Elizabeth Tilley Colony Scholarship Application form (see attached form) and provide the following to the Elizabeth Tilley Colony Scholarship Chair:

Letter of reference –two letters of reference from someone who knows them well (e.g. a faculty member, a member of the clergy, a family friend, but NOT a relative). The letter should include the phone number or e-mail address of the person writing it.

Educational Goals – a short summary of their educational goals, including information about their academic performance, community service, or life experiences which would indicate a high probability of future academic success.

Essay – an essay of 300 – 500 words on the subject of “What My Mayflower Ancestry Means to Me”. A word count should be included.

Extracurricular Activities & Community Service – a list of the applicant’s extracurricular activities and community service activities.

Transcript – copies of the student’s Transcripts which reflect their Grade Point Average (GPA) for their prior academic year and for the current academic year to date (if available) are to be attached to the Application.

Institution of Higher Learning – advise which school they intend to attend, and if possible, include evidence of their matriculation.

How Will The Scholarship Be Paid?

The Elizabeth Tilley Colony will issue a check in the amount of the scholarship payable to the school of higher learning indicated by the Recipient. The monies will be sent to the credit of the Recipient’s account at that institution.

Timing Of The Scholarship Activity

The Colony Scholarship Chair will notify the Membership of the availability of this Scholarship through the November issue of the Colony Newsletter (The Tilley Times). Applications are to be submitted so that the Scholarship Chair will receive them no later than April first in the year the Scholarship is to be awarded. Applications will be promptly acknowledged by the Scholarship Chairperson to verify receipt of the Applications. The Committee will conclude its work and present a proposed recipient to the Board of Directors at its May meeting.

How Will the Scholarship Recipient be Determined?

A Scholarship Committee, consisting of three Members of the Colony will review all the applications and grade them according to a point system (see attached). The Committee will complete its work no later than April 30 and advise the Board of their selection. Upon ratification by the Board, the Scholarship Chair will personally contact the winner of the Scholarship and will advise the Colony Membership of the selection at the May Luncheon meeting.

Who will serve on the Scholarship Committee?

The Scholarship Committee shall consist of: the current Scholarship Chair, and two Members appointed by the Colony Governor. One Appointee will be from the Colony Board and one from the Membership at large. In the case that an applicant for the Scholarship is a relative of a Scholarship Committee Member, or a close family friend, that Member shall recuse themselves and the Governor shall appoint a substitute.

How much will the Scholarship award be, and how many awards will be made?

The Board of Directors will decide the total dollar amount to be awarded at its November Board meeting. It is assumed that the award will be to one individual. If the Scholarship Committee concludes that multiple awards are appropriate for the current situation, they may petition the Board of Directors to do so. Because of time constraints, such a petition may call for either a special meeting of the Board of Directors or a telephone/e-mail poll of the Board Members.

How Will The Committee Operate?

The Scholarship Chair will act as the collection point for applications. After it is determined how many Applications have been received, the Committee will decide by a majority vote how best to process the Applications (e.g. group meetings or via conference calls or e-mails). Using the Scholarship Guidelines grading points (example attached), the Committee Members will grade each application and return it to the Chair. The Chair will total the points for each applicant and divide by the number of Committee Members to determine the

Recipient. In the event of a tie, the Scholarship Award will be divided equally among the winners.

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