The FSMD Mayflower Descendants Scholarship program is restricted to high school seniors, and entries must be submitted in the fall semester of the student’s senior year.

A student can live anywhere however his or her sponsor (parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle etc.) must be a member in good standing of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants.

**Judging criteria:**

**GPA:**  Unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale.  Advanced Placement or Honors Classes can be recognized, but cannot be used to increase the GPA above a 4.0.

Note: If you have a home schooled or international student, contact me to discuss grading. .

**High School Transcript:**  The student must submit a high school transcript provided, signed, and **sealed** by a member of the school administration such as principal, vice principal, or counselor. Note: If the student transfers, attends multiple schools, or is home schooled composite records are acceptable.

**Leadership:**  This can take many forms, but the leadership component **must** be a clear. Participation in activities does ***not*** qualify as leadership.

Examples which **would qualify**: student body president, editor of a school newspaper, captain of a sports team, club president, Boy Scout Eagle candidate managing a community service project.

**Extra Curricular Activities and Volunteering:**

This can be a wide range of activities.  We have kids who participate in all kinds of sports – baseball, football, swimming, and gymnastics.  We have students who are active in 4H or boy or girl scouts.  Some students are active in music or theater and perform with choirs, bands, or theater groups.

**Letters of Recommendation:**  The student **must** have 2 or more letters of recommendation.  Recommendations can come from many sources. Some examples are teachers or staff at the student’s school; supervisors where the student works or volunteers; members of the student’s church, Synagogue, or Parrish; Boy or Girl Scout Leaders.

Letters of recommendation **must be sealed** by the person giving the recommendation. Unsealed letters will not be accepted.

**Essay on the Topic:** “What being a Mayflower descendant means to me”. **The essay is** **double** **weighted and must be typed and within 400 and 500 word range.**

Suggestion: Set your counter and put the count on the bottom of your essay.

We have lost the most students on failure to address the topic and failure to remain within the word limits. Please emphasize this with your applicant.

Regards,

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