

# Quick Start to Florida Mayflower Society Membership

## 1 First Things First!

Fill out the attached Preliminary Review Form and return it to a Colony Historian. Be sure to include all of your contact information and occupation, (before retirement), as this form will be used to create your application.

## 2 What Does It Cost?

There are two application fees. The first application fee you will be required to pay is \$40.00 made payable to FSMD (Florida State Society of Mayflower Descendants). This fee is given to the Colony Historian **before** your application can begin. It is non-refundable and is good for a 12-month period. The second application fee you will be required to pay is \$75.00 made payable to GSMD (General Society of Mayflower Descendants) due at the time your application goes to Plymouth for verification and approval. It is also a non-refundable fee. Upon acceptance by both FSMD and GSMD, you will be required to pay \$34.00 dues to the Colony in which you are now a member. *NOTE: check with the Colony Historian as some Colonies require dues to be paid at the time the application goes to Plymouth.*

## 3 What's Next?

Gather documentation for every generation from yourself through generation five. The Mayflower Society will supply information from the Mayflower Pilgrim through generation five. Consult the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants Guidelines for more information.

## 4 Quality is Paramount!

The Mayflower Society requires legible photo copies of clerk-certified births, marriages and any death certificates for the last three generations: you, your parents, and your grandparents. This includes ***all*** multiple spouses to ensure accuracy of lineages for future generations! If you use popular genealogy websites, make sure that you download the actual document.

***Warning: not all documentation is created equal.*** Tiny footprints on hospital birth certificates may be precious family keepsakes, but they are not acceptable for genealogy purposes. The same thing applies to decorative marriage licenses. Long-form marriage licenses that include parent's names ensures lineage accuracy. See the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants Guidelines for more information.

## 5 Stay in Touch!

Take an active interest. Attend Colony meetings when possible and let the Colony Historian know how you are progressing from time to time. This way they can assist you in the areas where you may need help.

# GSMD PRELIMINARY REVIEW FORM



## Instructions and Important Information

Complete the Preliminary Review form below. Fill it out beginning with the name of your Pilgrim ancestor. On the next line, enter his/her son or daughter, and who they married. Then list the next son or daughter and their spouse. Continue through the generations down to yourself. We will compare your proposed lineage with the lineage papers in our files to determine what portion of your line is already documented.

**If applicant has a family member who is a GSMD member, please provide the GSMD membership number and name in the "Message to Reviewer" section at the bottom of page 2.**

## This is not an application.

NOTE: Use the TAB or ENTER key to move from field to field.

**Date:**

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

**E-Mail Address:**

**Occupation:**

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**1. Name of your Mayflower Pilgrim Ancestor:**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>2. Son/Daughter:</b>  | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>3. Son/Daughter:</b>  | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>4. Son/Daughter:</b>  | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>5. Son/Daughter:</b>  | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>6. Son/Daughter:</b>  | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>7. Son/Daughter:</b>  | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>8. Son/Daughter:</b>  | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>9. Son/Daughter:</b>  | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>10. Son/Daughter:</b> | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>11. Son/Daughter:</b> | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>12. Son/Daughter:</b> | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>13. Son/Daughter:</b> | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>14. Son/Daughter:</b> | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>15. Son/Daughter:</b> | <b>Married:</b> |
| <b>16. Son/Daughter:</b> | <b>Married:</b> |

Message to Reviewer:

Please take a moment to review your form for accuracy and to make sure it is filled out completely before printing and mailing.