

# Quick Start to Florida Mayflower Society Membership

## 1 First Things First!

Fill out the attached Proposed Mayflower Lineage Form (PML) and return it to the State Historian, or a State Co-Historian at no charge. Be sure to include all your contact information as this form will be used to create your application. The Historian will review the PML and inform you if the lineage appears to be valid.

## 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 (Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida). This fee is given to a State Co-Historian or State Historian **after** a Mayflower line(s) have been determined, but **before** an official application can begin. The fee is non-refundable and is valid for 24-months.

The second application fee you will be required to pay is \$150.00\* -- also made payable to FSMD. It is due at the time your application goes to GSMD (The General Society of Mayflower Descendants) for verification/approval and is a non-refundable fee. Upon acceptance by both FSMD and GSMD, you will be required to pay \$54.00 dues to the Colony in which you are now a member.

## 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 high-resolution digital images of government-issued 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. DO NOT take cell phone pictures of your computer screen! DO NOT highlight, underline, or truncate document images!

**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 church marriage licenses. Government-issued, long-form marriage licenses that include parent's names ensures lineage accuracy. See the society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida Guidelines for more information.

## 5 Stay in Touch!

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

*\*Fee reflects the current rate which is subject to change by the General Society.*

# The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida

## PROPOSED MAYFLOWER LINEAGE

This form is intended as a “preliminary review only” of your proposed Mayflower lineage. ***It is NOT an application!*** However, the information will be used to determine if your line seems to be valid for at least the first five generations at no charge. DO NOT send documentation or application fees at this time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip (+4): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Pilgrim Ancestor:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Direct Line Son/Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Direct Line Son/Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Direct Line Son/Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Direct Line Son/Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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