

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio

Application Process and fees

The process of becoming a member in the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio (SMDOH) has several steps. This document is intended to explain those steps and to detail the fees required.

1. Preliminary Application

The first application you need to submit to the SMDOH is the preliminary application. You can find this form on our website at www.ohiomayflower.org. You will also find a proposed lineage review form. If you have not had your lineage reviewed in Plymouth or have a reference paper from a family member, you need to submit this second form. If we have a review from Plymouth, that is sufficient. Please, DO NOT submit any documentation or fees at this time. Sign the preliminary application and mail it to the Assistant Historian at the address on the form. If you wish, you can sign it digitally or print, sign and scan it and email it to the Assistant Historian.

Your preliminary application will need to be approved by the Ohio Board of Assistants. This initial approval is good for a year, but extensions are available on request. While you are waiting for this approval, you should be collecting all the documentation you will need for your application. The Assistant Historian will send you a worksheet with at least the first 5 generations sourced for you, and more if we have reference applications to use. See the documentation guidelines on our website for more information on what is required. The Historian General requires full, primary documentation for at a minimum the last three generations, and as many other generations as possible. All applicable birth, marriage and death certificates for events that occurred after such records were implemented by the state or local government are required.

Keep up with new information from the Ohio Historian team at <http://ohiomayflower.blogspot.com/>. You can subscribe to email notifications so you know whenever a new article has been posted.

2. Ohio Historian Review

Once you have all your documentation collected, you will sign your worksheet and send it along with two photocopies of your documentation to the Ohio Historian (one will be sent to Plymouth, the other retained in the Ohio files). If your documentation is incomplete, you will be notified of what else might be needed. Once your documentation is complete, the Ohio Historian will send a finished application to you for your signature. When you return your signed application, this is the time to send in your application fees.

Send your completed application to:

Ann Gulbransen, Historian
2234 S. Medina Line Road
Wadsworth, OH 44281
(330) 239.2388

OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com

3. Historian General Review and election to membership

Once your signed application and fees are returned to the Historian, your application packet will be sent to Plymouth for review by the Historian General. This phase of the approval process can take several months depending on the current workload in Plymouth. Once the Historian General approves your application, the Ohio Board of Assistants must then vote to elect you to membership. This can take another week to complete. You will be notified by email or regular mail when your application is successful. If the Historian General wants additional documentation, you will be notified and we will work together until your application is approved.

Fees

- Initial application: The application fee is \$125.00. This is due in full at the time you return your signed application.
- Annual dues: Once you have been elected to membership, we will assess dues for the first year, prorated based on the date of your election. The Historian will notify you of how much is due. Future annual dues are \$36.00 per year, due by 1 November each year.
- Supplemental application (if you want to prove a line to another pilgrim ancestor): The application fee is \$110.00. This is due at the time you return your signed application.