

# Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio

## Application Process and fees

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. 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 SMDOH is the preliminary application. You may receive this document by mail, email or you can find this form on our website at [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org). This document is essential for us to collect your contact information and to give our volunteers permission to use your personal information.

You may also need 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 send any documentation or fees at this time. Sign the preliminary application and mail it to the Historian or Deputy Historian at the address on the form. If you wish, you can sign it digitally or print, sign and scan it and email it.

The Historian or Deputy 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. Once you have your worksheet, the invitation to apply is good for a year. Extensions are available on request.

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 older 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 has been verified, 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) 334-4798

[historian@ohiomayflower.org](mailto:historian@ohiomayflower.org)

### 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 the General Society in Plymouth for review by the Historian General. This phase of the approval process can take several months depending on the current workload in Plymouth. 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. Once approved, you will be formally elected to membership at the next meeting of the Ohio Board of Assistants.

#### Fees

- Initial application: The application fee is \$125.00. This is due in full at the time you return your signed application. This fee is non-refundable.
- Annual dues: Once your application has been approved by the Historian General, we will assess dues for the first year, prorated based on the date of your approval. The Historian will notify you of how much is due. Future annual dues are \$36.00 per year and must be paid by 1 November each year. This amount includes National, State and Colony dues.
- 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 and is non-refundable. If you qualify for the new Silver Supplemental form, the fee is \$95.00.