

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 Contact Form

The first document you need to submit to SMDOH is the preliminary contact form. You may receive this document by mail, email or you can find this form on our website at 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. Mail or email the contact form to the Deputy Historian at the address on the form unless the Historian asks that it be sent to her.

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 a minimum of the last three generations, and as many older generations as possible. All applicable birth, marriage and death records 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

We are transitioning to electronic submission of applications so you have two paths to submit your documents.

1. If you have already printed your documents, please sign your worksheet and send it along with one photocopy of your documentation to the Ohio Historian. 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.
2. If you have not printed your documents or are still in the collecting phase, please follow the instructions for electronic submission in the Instructions for preparing your application which will be sent to you with your worksheet.

Send any printed documentation and completed worksheet to:

Ann Gulbransen, Historian

2234 S. Medina Line Road

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3. Historian General Review and election to membership

Once your signed application and fees are returned to the Ohio 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.

Fees

- Initial application: The application fee is \$175.00. This is due in full at the time you return your signed application. This fee is non-refundable. If we are able to submit your application electronically, the fee is \$160.00.
- Annual dues: Once your application has been approved by the Historian General, we will assess dues for the first year, with the amount determined based on the date of your approval. The Historian will notify you of how much is due. Beginning with the 2021 membership year, annual dues are \$56.00 and must be paid by 1 November each year. This amount includes National (\$35), State (\$13) and Colony (\$8) dues.
- Supplemental application (if you want to prove a line to another pilgrim ancestor): The application fee is \$160.00. This is due at the time you return your signed application and is non-refundable. If we can submit your supplemental electronically or if you qualify for the new Silver Supplemental form, the fee is \$145.00.