

VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL
Vestal, New York 13850

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

NAME & DESCRIPTION: Margaret King Moore Mayflower Prize
presented by the Society of Mayflower
Descendants in the State of New York.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school **junior or senior**.
- 500-word essay on the topic, "The Mayflower Compact and an aspect of the Compact that is relevant to governing today."

BENEFITS: \$1,620

DATE DUE TO COUNSELING & GUIDANCE: April 8, 2024

**Applications are available in the Counseling & Guidance Office
or in Google Classroom.**

2024 Margaret King Moore Essay Contest

The document we refer to today as the "Mayflower Compact" was written and signed by most of the male passengers on the Mayflower in November 1620. The website of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants notes that "The influence of the Mayflower Compact has far outlasted and outgrown the Pilgrims' original intent."

Below is the text of the Mayflower Compact without its signatories. Please read it carefully and **pick an aspect of the Compact that is relevant to governing today**. Please include examples when explaining the relevant aspect. Punctuation, Grammar, clarity, originality, persuasiveness, and responsiveness will be critical in determining the essay winner.

Agreement between the Settlers at New Plymouth: 1620

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of Virginia; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience.

IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape-Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth, Anno Domini;

* Open to Juniors + Seniors

* Typed essay - 500 word limit
due to Guidance: 4/8/24