

**Society of Mayflower Descendants of SC (SMDSC)**  
**2022 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship**

The SC Society of Mayflower Descendants announces the 2022 Gilman Montgomery French (GMF) Scholarship. The 2022 theme follows the [National History Day](#) (NHD) theme: “**Debate & Diplomacy in History.**” There are many resources at their website to guide you on the theme and on submissions to their contest as well. Our rules for submissions follow the [NHD Contest Rule Book](#). National History Day state [affiliates](#) are in all 50 states. Any historical subject is acceptable.\*

**Divisions** for competition this year include:

- \$500 – Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- \$1000 – High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- \$1500 – College/Continuing Ed (enrollment in 2 year or 4 year college/career school, or graduate school; age requirements 18-24 years old. Seniors in High School should apply to the High School division.

**Middle and High School Division:** Students may write an essay which relates to the theme, or provide a summary of your National History Day (NHD) project. If choosing to write an essay, we strongly encourage submission it to your local, regional, and/or state NHD competition. All applicants are strongly encouraged to work with their history and/or ELA teacher(s).

- A. Essay (1500-2500 words): refer to Section 6.1 Paper, A1-A5, pp. 22-24 of the [NHD Contest Rule Book](#). Include the Title Page and Annotated Bibliography as described in section 5.2, Rules 15-20, pp. 18-21 of the [NHD Contest Rule Book](#).
- B. NHD project: submit the written materials described in section 5.2, Rules 15-20, pp. 18-21 of the [NHD Contest Rule Book](#). This includes a Title Page, a Process Paper, and an Annotated Bibliography. You may submit a group project, indicating your role and effort in the project and listing all members of the group.

Please indicate whether you placed in your regional or state NHD competition. NHD projects continuing from State competition to the June 2022 National competition will be considered for funding to offset registration fees.

**College/Continuing Ed Division:** Students should write an essay which relates to the theme. While high school graduates are not allowed to participate in the NHD contest, the GMF scholarship follows the same rules as the NHD Paper Category:

Essay shall be 1500-2500 words: refer to Section 6.1 Paper, A1-A5, pp. 22-24 of the [NHD Contest Rule Book](#). Include the Title Page and Annotated Bibliography as described in section 5.2, Rules 15-20, pp. 18-21 of the [NHD Contest Rule Book](#).

The **deadline for applications is noon, May 2, 2022** (or postmarked by May 2). You may reach out to Education Chair, Kristen French ([frenchkl@gmail.com](mailto:frenchkl@gmail.com); 843-478-3736) with any questions. Electronic submissions to [frenchkl@gmail.com](mailto:frenchkl@gmail.com); USPS submissions to Kristen French, 4923 France Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405.

\*Notes and ideas: The GMF contest *does not* restrict applicants to Mayflower or colonization related subjects. For those interested in those subjects, following are ideas regarding the role of debate and diplomacy played roles in the history of Plymouth and Mayflower passengers: the movement of Mayflower passengers from England to Holland or from Holland to Plymouth; the writing of the Mayflower Compact; or relations between Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag. There are also many examples of how European settlers and Native Tribal people interacted through debate and/or diplomacy.