

2018 Essay Competitions for Elementary & Middle School Students

The essay competitions for **Elementary Students** (those who have completed grades 4-6 during the August 2017-May 2018 school year) and for **Middle School Students** (those who have completed grades 7-9 during the August 2017-May 2018 school year) are designed to encourage young Mayflower descendants to learn about their Mayflower heritage.

A winner will be selected from each category and will receive a \$500 award. These awards will be presented at the Compact Day Luncheon in the Fall 2018. The winning essays will be published in the Palmetto Log.

The 2018 Elementary Essay:

Topic: What games and toys did the Pilgrim children play with in the colony and / or aboard the Mayflower.

Requirements: This letter should be **no more than one page long** and should talk about the activities and games that children would play.

Deadline for submissions: July 14, 2018

2018 Middle School Essay:

Topic: Describe how Chief Massasoit and the Wampanoags helped the colonist in Plymouth.

Requirements: Essay should be a minimum of **five paragraphs**.

1. Introduction 2. Three paragraphs 3. A final concluding paragraph

Deadline for submissions: July 14, 2018

Details:

Fill in the "Cover Page for Elementary or Middle School Essay Participants" found in the spring issue of the Palmetto Log. Applicants must have a lineage connection to a member of the SC Society of Mayflower Descendants (i.e. parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) or be a junior member of the South Carolina Mayflower Society. Applicants may live outside the state of South Carolina.

1. Essays prepared on a computer are preferred but handwritten essays will be accepted from both elementary and middle school students.
2. Please do not put your name on the essay page. This is necessary to maintain objectivity when papers are being evaluated by the committee.
3. In each contest, accurate factual information will be required and **sources for the information should be listed at the end of the essay.**
4. By submitting an essay entry, the entrant and his/her parents agree to be bound by all the SMD-SC policies governing the essay contest and all decisions with regard to winners will be honored.
5. **Rewritten or edited essays will not be accepted.** The original essays are considered the only entries in the contest to be evaluated.
6. All entries remain the property of the SMD-SC and after the submission essays will not be returned.
7. Decisions with regard to winners will not be declared until the Education Committee members have voted and the votes have been tabulated. It is expected that the evaluation period will take about two to four weeks after the deadline. When the process is complete, the Chairman of the Education Committee will send letters to all participants.
8. Plan ahead – essays must reach Bebe Ademy on or before the stated deadline and must be submitted by e-mail and by mail. E-mail copy must show a date of being sent by the deadline on the computer

no later than 11:59 pm of the deadline date. The mailed paper application package must show a post mark date of before or on the date of the deadline. It will help not to wait until the date of deadline to mail essays.

9. Please **e-mail the cover page and one copy of the essay** to **bebeademy@gmail.com** by the stated deadline. Use the words “**ELEMENTARY ESSAY**” or “**MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY**” in the subject line of the e-mail.
10. **Mail the Cover Page with one paper copy of the essay** in a 9 X 12 mailing envelope to:

Bebe Ademy
100 Derby Lane
Clinton, SC 29325

Questions may be sent to bebeademy@gmail.com



Cover Page for Elementary or Middle School Essay Participants

Full Name _____ People call me _____

Age _____ Grade completed spring 2018 _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Name of Parents _____

Are you a Junior Member of SC Mayflower Society? _____

Name of Relative in SC Mayflower Society _____

How are you related to the relative you listed? _____

Name of Mayflower Ancestor _____

Student Signature _____

Signature of one Parent _____

Title of Essay: _____