

Overview of Application Process

Our application process is completed in two-steps.

First, submit the Preliminary Application with very little basic lineage information, along with the application fee to Ray Maxson as below. He will then send you the long form (detailed lineage) Mayflower Society application.

Next, prepare and submit the detailed lineage information on the Application Worksheet (long form-there is no additional fee for processing this). Once the Application Worksheet has been approved by the State Historian, it is sent to Plymouth, MA for final approval by the Historian General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. After all approvals have been made, the State Historian assigns a State Number and prepares a certificate of membership. The certificate is presented at the next Annual Meeting.

Application Fees

The fee for filing a Preliminary Application is \$110.00 + \$30.00 first year's dues. The fee is payable with your North Carolina Preliminary Application (form attached) and is not refundable, even if the line is rejected or the application forfeited. Applicants have three years from the time of approval of their Preliminary Application to send in their Application Worksheet and required documentation. After the expiration of the three-year period, anyone desiring to become a member must submit a new Preliminary Application along with another application fee in the amount applicable at that time. Make checks payable to "NC Mayflower Society".

Membership Dues

Annual dues are \$30 per year. The first year's dues are to be paid along with the Application Fee.

DUES AND FEES MAY BE CHANGED BY THE SOCIETY AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE.

Complete the form (attached) and return it, along with a check for \$140.00 made payable to "NC Mayflower Society", to the Membership Chairperson: Ray Maxson

Ray M. Maxson, PE
2506 Robin Hill Drive
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Documenting Your Line

You do not need to provide any documentation or proof for events that are documented in the Mayflower silver books from the first generation to the birth in the sixth generation (note some lines are not followed thru the sixth generation.) You will need to prove anything not documented in the silver book from the last documented generation and onwards. You will want to link your family to the last generation documented in the Mayflower silver book using primary resources such as Vital Records, birth, death and marriage certificates or records all showing the parents. You can also use Probate records and wills.

Other documentation is only acceptable once it has been reviewed and the documentation must show the parents' names. You will need to submit Birth, Death and Marriage certificates wherever they are available (usually from the late 1800's on, depending on the state,) linking each person to their parents in the prior generation.

For the last three generations, yourself, your parents and line holding grandparents you will need to submit birth, death (where applicable) and marriage certificates all showing the parent's full names. Two copies of each document will need to be submitted with the long form application. Ray Maxson will send you the long form application once you complete the initial steps above.

As part of the application process (once documentation is submitted,) the Historian will check with Plymouth to see if a line that matches your family line has already been proven. If so, we can use some of the proof from the already proven application, as long as it contains documentation that meets the current standards of proof (it shows the parents' names.)

Please feel free to call me or e-mail me, if you have any questions.

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