

2022 Scholarship Essay

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RESEARCH AND WRITE YOUR MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

By far the most important part of your application is the completion of a thoughtful, well-written essay which explores the history and influence of the first Thanksgiving. The 400th anniversary is the Harvest Moon 2021. It is strongly suggested that you have an English teacher edit it before submitting.

The following is your prompt for this year:

Imagine that you are a 16–18-year-old member of the new Plymouth Colony in the autumn of 1621. The community has just celebrated a harvest festival, which inspired today's Thanksgiving holiday. The harvest is a welcome relief after 50 people died of starvation this past winter, including whole families and some of your friend's parents. Your assignment is to compose a letter to send to your friends or family members in England or Holland describing the celebration. Be thoughtful and in depth about your thoughts, feelings and behaviors at the celebration, including attitude towards Massasoit and the friendly indigenous people.

Your essay must not exceed a total length of 750 words.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You are to write this essay in your own words. It is not intended to be a research essay, but rather a personal letter exploring facets of the origins of the first Thanksgiving feast. Essays that include text copied directly from sources suggested, or any other sources, will be disqualified. Please include references for historical accuracy.