



John More Association

Scholarship Application

Each year JMA presents a promising young cousin a scholarship of \$1000.

Qualifications for application:

- Must be between ages of 16 and 21 years old
- Attending college or trade school for the 2024-2025 school year
- Complete and submit the application by June 1
- Be a member of a dues paying household

If your household's dues are not current, please go to <https://new.johnmore.com/duesdonations>, or send a check for \$20 made payable to John More Association to: Mike Williams JMA Treasure, 295 Williams Road, Oxford NY 13830.

Tips and Expectations of the Essay

The goal of this application for the JMA College Scholarship is for you to share what your ancestry in the John More Association means to you.

In an essay of no more than around 1000 words (approximately three double-spaced typed pages formatted normally with a 12-point font):

Begin by listing your JMA ancestry in reverse chronological order, beginning with yourself and leading back to John and Betty More. Please include both the year and place of birth for yourself and each ancestor, in order, to provide context to your listing.

Then, choose one of your ancestors who lived at least eighty years ago and discuss the differences between his or her life and your own by reflecting upon what your life might have been like if it had been you living in your ancestor's place. Please be creative and imaginative! One of the joys of learning about our past is the discovery that people who lived long ago or in faraway places are fundamentally no different from ourselves. For your scholarship application, imagine if you'd been born then instead of now.

To do this, you will need to first discover an interesting fact about this specific ancestor (e.g., did your ancestor lose a number of children in infancy? did he fight in



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the Civil War? did she invent something or was she an artist or musician?) and then do a bit of research into the time and place that the ancestor lived.

Consult the following JMA resources and individuals regarding your line of JMA ancestors as you seek details about them:

Visit the Genealogy Directory (on the JMA home page, under Member Resources). You will need a password to access the Genealogy Directory. To obtain one send an email directory@more.org or juanitagoin@hotmail.com.

When you have your password, go to the Directory and log in. Click on the "Lineage" link to find your ancestors back to John and Betty. Also consult the Digital Library and Juanita Goin, JMA Genealogist, who has vast information on other sources.

Include a listing of the sources you consulted in appropriate MLA format, including the Directory, any online or print sources, and any individuals you contacted directly.

All submissions become the property of the John More Association, which may publish or distribute your essay while always attributing you as the author. You agree to a photograph of you being published on the website to encourage others to apply.

Essays must be submitted in either Microsoft Word or PDF format.

The essay and a picture of yourself can be attached when you complete the online application <https://new.johnmore.com/scholarships>

When you are ready to complete your application online, please have your essay and your photo ready. You will be asked to provide the following information: Student Name, JMA Number, Address, City/State, Email address, High school, High school address, High school City & State, Colleges applied to, Current major and/or career interests.

***Thank you for applying-we're excited to help a young cousin go to college!
Good luck!***