

School Committee Seeks Candidates for Lincoln Scholarship Committee

The Lincoln Scholarship Committee is a Lincoln town committee consisting of three residents, two of whom are appointed by the Town Moderator, and one of whom is appointed by the Lincoln School Committee. The School Committee is currently seeking an appointee to serve for a renewable three-year term on the Committee.

The responsibilities on the Committee focus upon funding needs-based scholarships and administering five awards that are funded through endowments administered by the Town, two of which are thanks to the Ogden Codman Trust. Some specific tasks of the committee include:

- Mailing a town-wide appeal each spring to seek donations;
- Announcing the awards and scholarship opportunities through local press outlets and to all Lincoln-resident students enrolled at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and Minuteman Regional Technical High School;
- Interviewing students who apply for scholarships;
- Ensuring all funds are disbursed to students before the fall.

Meetings are clustered in the late winter and springtime, and require approximately 30 hours of dedicated work per year. One member serves as liaison to the Codman Trust, one member is responsible for liaising with the town treasurer, and one member is responsible for composing and distributing the annual appeal letter. For fall 2014, the Committee will also be liaising with the LS Scholarship Committee and attending both the Financial Aid and College Fair events at LS to provide more information to Lincoln-resident families about the scholarship opportunities. For more information about the position, please contact Carolyn Dwyer or Nancy Marshall, Trustees for the Lincoln Scholarship Committee.

If interested in serving on the committee, please submit a letter of interest to Jennifer Glass, Chair of the Lincoln School Committee at schoolcomm@lincnet.org. Submissions due by October 17, 2014. Interviews with the School Committee will be held on October 23, 2014.

To: School Committee
From: **Barbara Slayter** <bslayter@comcast.net>
Date: Sun, Sep 28, 2014 at 4:35 PM
Subject: application for position on the Lincoln Scholarship Committee
To: schoolcomm@lincnet.org

P. O. Box 6337
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September 27, 2014

Jennifer Glass, Chair
Lincoln School Committee,
Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773

Dear Jennifer Glass:

This letter is in response to the announcement in The Lincoln Journal of September 26, 2014 seeking applicants for a position on the Lincoln Scholarship Committee. Over the past couple of months I have been reflecting on ways in which I might involve myself more fully in Lincoln Town affairs. This opening for a volunteer seems to me to be a good fit for my interests and background and to provide a way in which I could make a contribution to the community.

I am currently a Research Professor in Clark University's Department of International Development, Community, and Environment where I have been on the faculty for over 30 years in both teaching and administrative capacities. In those capacities I have had many opportunities to serve on admissions committees for both undergraduate and graduate students at Clark. I have also been involved with selection of Fulbright scholars both as the committee chair on the Clark campus and for the Washington Office for which I have served as a member and chair of the Fulbright Selection Committee for scholars from Africa. I have also served on the review committee for the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and for the then Bunting Institute Carnegie International Peace Fellowship. In these selection and admissions processes, I have been involved in reviewing applications and/or interviewing candidates. I believe these experiences would serve me well in a role on the Lincoln Scholarship Committee.

Other volunteer service has included membership on the Board of Directors of Oxfam America as well as professional activities particularly related to my interests in women and development and Africa. At present I am serving as a volunteer for English@Large facilitating conversation groups for newcomers to this country who are trying to strengthen their spoken English.

If invited, I would be pleased to meet with the School Committee on October 23. I have plans to be out-of-town for the next three weeks, returning to Lincoln on October 20. However, I shall be available through email should you wish to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Slayter

September 23, 2014

Jennifer Glass, Chair
Lincoln School Committee
schoolcomm@lincnet.org

Dear Jennifer,

I was delighted to read that there is an opening on the Lincoln Scholarship Committee and am writing to express my interest in joining the committee. We have recently moved into the “empty nest” phase, but my commitment to, and interest in, the youth in our town remains. I must admit that my daughter’s recognition by the Lincoln Scholarship Committee in June, 2014 contributes to my interest in serving – put simply, I’d like to pay it forward for other deserving youth in Lincoln.

I have a long track record of working on behalf of Lincoln’s students and young adults as a member of the PTA, the Recreation Committee, and the Lincoln School Foundation. Professionally, I work as a Transition Specialist, helping students with disabilities plan for, and make, the transition to post-secondary life. All together, I believe I would be a good fit for the position and look forward to the opportunity to interview with the School Committee.

Thanks,

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To: School Committee
From: **Susan Taylor** <svhtaylor@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, Sep 29, 2014 at 6:02 PM
Subject: Interest in Lincoln Scholarship Committee
To: schoolcomm@lincnet.org

Hello Jennifer,

I'm interested in serving on the Lincoln Scholarship Committee. I spoke with Nancy Marshall recently about the committee, and I believe I can be of service. As my own children went through the Lincoln Schools, I became aware how much the scholarship help can mean to accomplished Lincoln students whose financial needs often go unnoticed in our community. The money is important of course, but so is the support and affirmation from their home town.

Please let me know if the position is still open and, if so, what information you need from me in order to continue the process.

Thanks!

Susan Taylor
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