

Report to the Lincoln School Committee from the Lincoln Scholarship Committee

June 7, 2018

1. Awards

- **Fanny Campbell Award** for academic achievement: This award given in recognition of overall scholastic excellence as well as superior achievement in a particular discipline or area of interest. Each student applicant must submit an essay. The recipient is Emily Glass
- **Sumner Smith Community Service Award** recognizes a deserving high school student for contributing in a significant manner to some community need. The student also submits an essay. The recipient is Birgitta Salvesen-Quinn

2. Ogden Codman Scholarships

- Ogden Codman Scholarship \$5000 for each of four years Is awarded to a Lincoln resident student who has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, and who has manifested strong leadership qualities among his/her peers both in the broad array of activities that are offered at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and community service within the Town of Lincoln at large. This year the recipient is: Ruby Carmel
- Codman Opportunity Scholarship \$2,500 for each of four years The award is given to students bound for a two or four-year college, vocational school or other post-secondary study or training program. Student potential and commitment to success in a specific field or trade are all important factors. This year's recipient is: Josephina Mitchell

3. Needs-based Scholarships

The Lincoln Scholarship Fund offers several **needs-based scholarships** based in part on the community's response to the annual appeal letter. Those awards will be determined in by the end of June. This year there were six applicants altogether of which four applied for the needs-based scholarships.

4. Contributions to Funds

To date, Lincoln community members have contributed over \$6225 to the Lincoln Scholarship **Fund 2018 appeal**. The appeal letter was mailed early in March. Contributions will continue to come in throughout the year. We have approximately the same number of contributions at this time (June 2017) as we did in June 2016: mid 50's. Generally contributions are in the \$50 to \$100 range, but there are some outliers with the smallest this year being \$15 and the largest \$1000. Several are in the \$200 to \$500 category. Last year total contributions to the fund came to \$8205.00. There are also returns on the trust investment and each year the Committee is able to distribute approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 in total to students. The practice has been to award \$3000 to \$4000 to those who qualify.

5. Changes and improvements in the 2017- 2018 year are continuing in this year

- a. sending a **letter to the families of seniors** and not just to the seniors so that they are also aware of scholarship options
- b. changes in the **timing** of getting information out both in paper form and on the web earlier
- c. creating a **website** for the LSC on the town website with information about the awards and scholarships on line.
- d. **working relations with the Codman Trustees.** The Codman Representatives to the Scholarship Committee are Susan Taylor and Ken Mitchell. We have established an effective and cordial working relationship.
- e. **Changes in the Codman Trust requirements for financial information:** Now the applicants must use the FAFSA forms and this will determine eligibility for applications

Committee members attended the June 2017 dinner; Susan Taylor presented the two scholars who had received awards last year. We shall attend the Codman dinner on June 26 to announce these awards.

6. Areas for future change

- Numbers of contributors seems to be in a more or less steady state. Thinking about ways to increase the number of households involved
- Possibility of a METCO scholarship for METCO students going through the Lincoln school system

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