

## THE WALTER S. BURNHAM COMMUNITY AWARD

The Lincoln Select Board is pleased to announce the WALTER S. BURNHAM COMMUNITY AWARD in response to the Burnham Legacy set out in the 1919 will of Lincoln resident Walter Burnham “for rewards of merit for school children of said town of Lincoln.” The mission of the award is to encourage students to understand and appreciate the value of volunteering with local organizations. The award is for service and is not based on academic achievement.

Community activities may include working with the following, including but not limited to:

- Burnham Hall events
- United Church of Lincoln
- Lincoln Sports
- Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company
- Lincoln Town Office
- Lincoln Library
- Lincoln General Store
- Lincoln Community School
- Lincoln Preschool
- Lincoln Conservation Commission
- Weathervane
- Senior events
- U.S. Forest Service
- Green-up Day
- X-ing out invasive plants
- Zeno Mountain Farm
- Project Independence (Middlebury)
- Activities initiated by student

The \$500 award is based on an essay of no more than 500 words written by the applicant in answer to the question, “How have you contributed to the wider community of Lincoln?”

In addition to the completed essay, each student must submit the cover sheet which includes contact information and a brief biography. A panel of judges will read the submitted essays and choose the winner and 2 honorable mentions to be honored at a dinner in spring 2019 at Burnham Hall.

Lincoln residents in their junior year attending Mount Abraham Union High School, other accredited high schools, public or private, or approved for home schooling are eligible to submit essays. High school juniors who have contributed to Lincoln community life but have moved from Lincoln are also encouraged to submit essays.

Deadline March 15.

Specific information is available through the Mt. Abraham School Counseling Office, Lincoln Library, the Lincoln Town Clerk’s Office, and the Lincoln Town website <http://lincolnvermont.org>.