



Lincoln Club Essay Contest

The Lincoln Club of Delaware, in cooperation with WSFS Bank, is pleased to announce its 2019-20 essay contest for Delaware high school students (Grades 9 through 12). The topic for this year's essay is a quote from Abraham Lincoln's Cooper Union Address, given in New York City on February 27, 1860.

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

The students will write an essay of 800 to 1000 words explaining what this statement means, why you agree or disagree with it, and whether it remains relevant today.

This year there will be two winners and each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward his or her postsecondary education. When the winners accept an offer of admission to an institution of higher education, the award will be paid to the financial aid office of the Institution.

In addition, the winners will be recognized at the Lincoln Club's annual dinner and each may bring up to three guests. The student and guests will meet a top Lincoln scholar, hear his presentation, and have an opportunity to network with the members of the Lincoln Club, including distinguished leaders in Delaware's business, judicial, legal, educational, and political communities.

This year's dinner will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020, at the Wilmington Country Club, 4825 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.

The essays must be accompanied by a cover sheet giving the student's name, age, grade, school, address, telephone number, and email address. All materials must be in 12-point font. The cover sheet and the title of the essay will not be counted in the 800-1000 words.

Contest entries, consisting of the cover sheet and essay, should be sent to the Lincoln Club's administrative assistant, Karren Helsel-Spry, at Karren@udel.edu. The deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019.

A subcommittee of the Lincoln Club Board will select the winning entries based on relevance to the topic, originality, substance, and style. Prior winners are not eligible to participate. The winners will be notified by email on or before January 20, 2020, and their names and essays will be featured on the Lincoln Club website and Facebook page.

The Lincoln Club preserves the right to publish the winning essay without further compensation to the author.