

## Lincoln Essay Contest

The Lincoln Club of Delaware, in cooperation with WSFS Bank, is pleased to announce its new essay contest for Delaware high school students (Grades 9 through 12).

Two winners will be selected, and each winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward his or her post-secondary education. When the winner accepts 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, each winning student will receive three complimentary tickets to the Lincoln Club's annual dinner. The students and their guests will meet a top Lincoln scholar and hear his presentation, and they will 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 Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at the Wilmington Country Club. The speaker will be Dr. Michael Burlingame, holder of the Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at the University of Illinois- Springfield. His many books include *The Inner World of Abraham Lincoln* and *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*. To enter the contest, each student should write a 1000-word essay on the topic, "Although Abraham Lincoln was President over a century and a half ago (1861- 1865), he is still considered to be one of our greatest Presidents, and his legacy remains important for the nation today."

The essay should be accompanied by a cover sheet giving the student's name, age, grade, school, address, telephone number, and email address. All materials should be in 12-point font.

Contest entries, consisting of the cover sheet and essay, should be sent as email attachments to the Lincoln Club's administrative assistant, Karren Helsel-Spry, at [Karren@udel.edu](mailto:Karren@udel.edu). The deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2012.

A subcommittee of the Lincoln Club Board will select the winning entries based on relevance to the topic, originality, and style. The winners will be notified by email on or before January 20, 2013, and their names and essays will be featured on the Lincoln Club Web site and Facebook page. They will also be recognized at the annual dinner.