



*First Family with Their Pets, by Saoirse Killon,
2013 First Place Drawing Contest winner, 3rd grade, Collicot Elementary School, Milton*

2013 Lincoln Essay & Drawing Contest

Tuesday, 13 November 2012

Release of the 2013 essay topic/question and drawing theme

Friday, 1 March 2013, 5pm

Deadline for submissions for essays and drawings

Sunday, 14 April 2013, 2pm

Lincoln Essay and Drawing Contest Awards Ceremony

A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the first place winner of each grade level through the generosity of the Milton Village Office of Citizens Bank. Thank you, Citizens Bank!



What is the Lincoln Essay & Drawing Contest?

The Lincoln Essay and Drawing Contest was established by Mary Bowditch Forbes, the granddaughter of Captain Robert Bennet Forbes, in circa 1924. Ms. Forbes greatly admired President Abraham Lincoln, and in 1906 began a collection of Lincoln and Civil War memorabilia, which is now part of the Museum's permanent collection. To promote appreciation for our 16th president, Ms. Forbes requested original essays and drawings from students each year, inspired by the life and work of Abraham Lincoln.

Today, the Museum continues the tradition, and sends an annual request for essays and drawings from students throughout Milton and Greater Boston. Each fall, the FHM Lincoln Committee, comprised of Museum Trustees, K-12 educators, Lincoln historians and Civil War enthusiasts, meets to debate and select a question or topic. This question/topic is then released to the public, and the student must use the question/topic as the subject for her/his essay or drawing.

Individual student submissions are encouraged; The FHM Lincoln Essay and Drawing Contest was established as a civic exercise challenging students to excellence outside the scope of their regular school work.

However, K-12 educators are welcome to introduce the essay and drawing question/topic to their students as part of a classroom lesson or unit of instruction. A submission of individual essays and drawings, gathered into one package by an educator, is accepted and encouraged.

A first, second and third place winner is chosen among the entries for each grade level. Essays are accepted from students in grades 4 through 8; drawings are accepted from students in grades Kindergarten through grade 3.

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The awards ceremony is held each year at Forbes House Museum. One or two winners of the essay contest are usually asked to read their essays to the guests.



Samira Ibrahim, far right, 2013 First Place Essay Contest winner, 8th grade, St. Mary of the Hills School, Milton, with her parents, Abdirahman Ibrahim and Khadra Ali, and sister, Bayden Ibrahim.

Winning artwork from the front cover, from left to right, by Maureen Lang, Collicot Elementary, Mia Gilmore, Glover Elementary, and Vy Trong, St. Agatha School, Milton.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

ON THE BACK of your essay or drawing you MUST include:

Your name
Your grade
Your school
Your teacher's name
Your home address
Your home telephone number
The name of your parent or guardian
An e-mail address for your parent or guardian

Essay word count:

Grade 6-8: 600-word max.
Grade 4-5: 300-word max.

Drawing specifications:

Any media is allowed.
Maximum size of the drawing cannot exceed 18" x 24" inches.

Essays can be dropped of at the Museum office or mailed to:

2013 Lincoln Essay and Drawing Contest
Forbes House Museum
215 Adams Street
Milton, MA 02186

The FHM will accept essay submissions by e-mail. The essay should be sent as a word document or PDF to the e-mail address: info@forbeshousemuseum.org. Scanned hand-written essays are accepted as long as they are completely legible. The Museum cannot accept a docx document. The subject line of the e-mail must read: Lincoln Essay 2013.

In the body of the e-mail you MUST include:

Your name
Your grade
Your school
Your teacher's name
Your home address
Your home telephone number
The name of your parent or guardian
An e-mail address for your parent or guardian

Sorry, drawings cannot be submitted by e-mail; original works of art must be sent or delivered to the Museum for judging.

For more information on the Lincoln Essay and Drawing Contest, call the Museum at 617- 696- 1815 or e-mail us at info@forbeshousemuseum.org.



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