

City of Lincoln Appointment Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Application Date: 9/13/2016

Salutation: Miss. **Applicant Name:** Cass, Hannah

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Business Telephone:

Applicant Occupation: Student

Employer: N/A

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Affirmative Action Information: Sex Female

Racial/Ethnic Background: Unknown

EDUCATION

currently a junior at Lincoln Southeast High School

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

EMPLOYMENT

N/A

Board(s) Requested

Parks And Recreation Advisory Board

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Hannah Cass

The reason I want to serve the community as a member of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is because I really care about the environment. It has been a very big issue for me for as long as I can remember, that being, I especially want to see Lincoln's parks stay vibrant and appreciated.

I started a club called Mayor's Club at Lincoln Southeast High School with the purpose of the club being understanding, and hopefully helping problem solve around issues concerning the City of Lincoln. The project that we chose to focus on this year, was one focused on helping Parks and Rec as well as the City bring awareness to the community about the emerald ash borer. As an extension of this, I think that I could be able to help make the parks more appreciated, especially by my fellow students. I know from my experience with our Mayor's Club project that kids want to help out with the environment and their city, but they just don't know how. I would hope to facilitate getting information to and from high school students (the next working generation) and also get ideas and involvement from them.

I also care about Lincoln's growth. I am excited that Lincoln has the new N St. bike lane, miles and miles of biking trails, and that we have beautiful golf courses and amazing parks. I hope to help bring energy and Ideas to the Advisory Board. I want great opportunities for young people to keep coming to Lincoln, as well as people to get excited about them.



Lincoln Southeast High School

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May 29, 2016

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Parks & Recreation Admin Office
2740 "A" Street
Lincoln, NE, 68502

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to recommend Hannah Cass for a student position on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Hannah over the past two years as a member of the Track & Field and Cross Country teams and I got to know her as a student through the Mayor's club last year.

The Mayor's club at LSE was conceived, created, and controlled by Hannah. She approached me to be the faculty sponsor and explained that she wanted to create a club that was focused on improving the community of Lincoln. She wanted to create a club with more than just a focus on community service but to create an opportunity for students at Southeast to demonstrate leadership and effect lasting change in their community. This spring Hannah mobilized Southeast students to aid in the city's efforts to educate the public about the Emerald Ash Borer. I'm excited to see what direction she will lead the club next year.

Hannah has also been an outstanding member of the Track & Cross Country teams. She has a tremendous work ethic and she does a fantastic job of supporting her teammates. Distance running is not her forte but her spirit of association led her to join the team last fall. It was an adjustment for her and she had to overcome some overuse injuries but Hannah persevered.

I can't think of a better person to represent the voice of Lincoln's students on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. I give her my highest recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at dnebel@lps.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Nebel".

David J. Nebel

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Application Date: 9/13/2016

Salutation: Miss. **Applicant Name:** Linscott, Justine

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Business Telephone:

Applicant Occupation: Student

Employer: N/A

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Affirmative Action Information: Sex Female

Racial/Ethnic Background: Unknown

EDUCATION

currently a junior at Lincoln East High School

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

EMPLOYMENT

N/A

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Parks And Recreation Advisory Board

1. **Statement of Interest:** In 250 words or less, please tell us why you want to serve the community as a member of the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Please double-space your work. Attach one or two pages as needed.

I am interested in serving on the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Advisory Board because this position will allow me to have a greater impact on Lincoln as a whole by helping adults who play a major role in our community. This position will give me a chance to express my ideas and opinions on what people my age want done in our community. It will also allow me to explore a variety of difference causes. I have insight into many programs because either I or family members have participated in them. I was on the swim and dive teams for many years and now participate in the Woods tennis program. Like many high school students, I have changes or goals that I want to help achieve in our community. But often there is limited opportunity for people my age to voice our ideas. As a member of this board I will be able to represent my peers in our community and provide input to improve the programs available. I will also be able to show that no matter how old you are you can have a positive effect on your community just by getting involved. I want to improve our community to the fullest and most importantly get others of all ages involved in Lincoln's many programs. The more people that help out, the more we can get done. This Advisory Board will provide me the perfect opportunity to do that.

June 2016

To Angela Chesnut and the Parks & Recreation Office of Lincoln:

I have had the pleasure of teaching Justine Linscott for her freshmen and sophomore years of high school. I had her in geoscience for a semester her freshmen year and for differentiated chemistry her sophomore year. Justine has impressed me with her ability to understand and articulate difficult concepts, her leadership skills, and her time management both inside and outside the classroom.

Justine was one of the top performing students in my differentiated chemistry courses. This is attributed to her natural intellect and her hard work in and out of the classroom. Justine is a self-motivated student. She works extremely hard in class. I can tell because she is always engaged no matter the activity presented. When Justine does not understand a concept, she advocates for herself and asks questions or uses other resources to solve her problems.

Justine is a pronounced leader in my classroom especially in the laboratory setting. She is often the student guiding her lab group through the procedure. Even though Justine is often the leader, I find that her leadership style invites students to help and does not exclude them from the group by just completing the work herself. Justine will also help her classmates work through homework and answers their questions.

Justine is very involved in extracurricular activities including student council, volleyball and tennis to name a few. Even with many activities outside of the classroom, Justine remains successful in the classroom setting. She is one of the few students I have to come up and ask for homework before the activity she will be absent for. She completes all assignments and work on time.

I am certain that as Justine ends her sophomore year and enters her junior year of high school she will continue to perform great in the classroom and outside the classroom in whatever she chooses to pursue. I highly recommend her for the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. She is intelligent, talent, caring, dedicated, and a very focused individual that will be a great addition to the board. Justine is truly a standout individual among her peers and it was such pleasure having her in my classroom. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at

Sincerely,

Mrs. Emily Jennings
Science Teacher
Lincoln East High School

