



**League of Women Voters of the
Hamptons**

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE HAMPTONS
BETTY DESCH AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP**

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2015 APPLICATION FORM

Name of Student _____

Address _____

Phone and Email _____

Nominator _____

Phone and e-Mail of Nominator _____

Describe the activity(ies) for which the student* is being nominated (see below for examples) and briefly tell how leadership was shown using some or all of the following qualities:

- **A commitment to achieve goals**
- **An ability to motivate others and build teams**
- **The ability to take initiative**
- **The ability to show good judgment and appropriately assess risk**
- **An ability to compromise, seek out and listen to divergent points of view**
- **Demonstrate the ability to act with integrity in difficult situations**

Criteria for the Award

- **Student shall have participated in school or extracurricular activities that demonstrate their leadership ability during their years in high school.**
- **Student shall be a senior graduating from a public high school.**
- **Student shall use the funds for further education or training.**

Nomination Procedure for Award

1. **Nominations may be submitted by teachers, counselors, coaches or students.**

2. **The student MUST submit a brief (no more than one page) description of his/her leadership activities.**
3. **At least two letters of support from people familiar with the candidate, describing the student's leadership abilities. We seek letters from community members, mentors, coaches, counselors, not from teachers.**
4. **Do not submit transcripts of grades or courses taken.**
5. **All nominations must use this application form.**
6. **Applications must be mailed to the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons at PO Box 2253, East Hampton, NY 11937**
7. **They must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2015.**
8. **If you have any questions please call Judi Roth at 283-0759 (rothhandj@yahoo.com) or Beth Barth at 725- 8510 (brbarth7@gmail.com)**

Selection of Award Recipient

- **The Education Committee of the LWVH will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors of the LWV for the Board's approval.**
- **The League will inform the school and the recipient. The award will be presented at the League's annual meeting on May 17, 2015. The recipient is required, and family and friends are invited, to attend the award ceremony.**

EXAMPLES OF AWARD ACTIVITIES

Jane Finnerty was in charge of the food drive for children in Africa sponsored by UNICEF. She put posters up throughout the school and asked other students to put them in their churches. She found out how to package the collected food and contacted the post office to check on postage. Jane got 10 other students to be spokespeople in their grades and spoke at the school assembly about the program.

Rose Sanchez was a member of the student council when the issue of a dress code was brought before that body. She strongly believed that the students in the high school dressed in a manner that was too permissive. Some other student body members agreed but they were in the minority. After many meetings and discussions the students seemed to be at an impasse. Rose took it upon herself, as one of the students who wanted the strictest code, to speak to the person who wanted the least strict rules, and together they came up with a compromise that was accepted by all.

Jim Andreas is captain of the soccer team. Someone charged a team member with using drugs. Jim and a few other members did not believe this charge and knew how important it was that this person be totally cleared of the accusation. They encouraged him to submit to random drug tests and wrote letters to the school principal testifying to their belief in his innocence. Jim himself called the student's parents to let them know that he and many others felt the student had been falsely accused. After a hearing at which Jim and other students spoke on their friend's behalf, he was cleared of all charges.