



## **APPLICATION FOR STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

This application is for any high school junior or senior that is interested in serving as a student member on the Colchester Land Trust Board. The Board recognizes that today's youth are the future leaders and stewards of our natural spaces. Young people will have increasing influence on public policy, land use planning, funding and legislation that affect the environment. Therefore, the Board acknowledges its responsibility to engage and train young people in the work of land conservation and stewardship. One junior and one senior high school student will serve as student members.

### **The Colchester Land Trust Mission:**

The purpose of the Colchester Land Trust is to protect the beauty and natural diversity of our area by preserving significant land and scenic areas for present and future generations. Some of our goals are:

- To preserve open space, protect critical natural and agricultural ecosystems, and provide for recreational and educational pursuits.
- To serve as a recipient of donations, including land, to purchase land, and to set up conservation easements.
- To organize educational activities that foster appreciation and understanding of the environment and encourage conservation of natural resources.
- To manage and monitor Land Trust properties, preserves and easements.
- To continually improve the effectiveness and involvement of the board, staff and volunteers.
- To serve Colchester citizens as information resource center for landowners to learn about partnerships for open space, and by providing an open forum for any Colchester citizen to discuss their thoughts and concerns.

## **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **1. Qualifications**

- Applicant must be of junior or senior high school student as defined through credit hours at their institution;
- Resident of Colchester;
- Have an interest in land preservation, environmental science, or other conservation related field of study;
- Ability to commit time for monthly Board meetings and other Land Trust activities; and
- Demonstrate behavior that will honor the reputation of the Land Trust.



## 2. Supporting documentation - Submit the following items on separate page(s):

- Resume including applicable courses and activities.
- One character reference in the form of a letter of recommendation.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ For 2020-21 school year will you be a: Junior or Senior

What are your hobbies and interests?

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## 3. Essay

Please attach an essay of approximately 300 words describing in your own words: Why are you interested in serving as a student member of the Colchester Land Trust? What you think you will be able to bring to the Board as a member?

## 4. Signatures

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

**Deadline:** Submit application to the address below no later than Friday, May 29th. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you become a finalist for a Board position, you may be asked to participate in a short interview with the selection committee.

Announcement of Student Board Member selection will occur in June 2020.

Thank you for your interest in the environment and applying to be a Student Board Member.

Mail your completed application and supporting documents to:

Colchester Land Trust  
P.O. Box 93  
Colchester, CT 06415

