

#5 Hayden Maloney

I have grown up my whole life in Cape Vincent, New York and both the lighthouse and living around the water has had a huge impact on my life from the sunset boat rides or jet ski rides to the lighthouse to take pictures or even just driving out for a picnic or taking sunset pictures and is always a place that I take new people or friends that aren't from the area, it's crazy to think that their a people that travel from so far away and how blow away people are when they see it for the first time that I get to relive that experience over and over. I am a huge fan of history and am lucky enough to live in a place filled with history and especially the war of 1812 that took place throughout Cape Vincent and into Sackets Harbor and the fact we walk on battlefields and have a large amount of memorials and monuments throughout our area such as battlefields in sackets, the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse, and the Cape Vincent Historical Museum. I believe that growing up around these historical sites and things like field trips to these places has had a huge influence on me and my passion for history. It's hard to believe that these small town historical sites have not only had a huge impact on United States history but also world history and I think that has also influenced me in my passion for history because I believe that other places around the United States don't all have historical sites that we do or at least ones that had such a large impact on the world like the ones that we had do or atleast in near good of shape that we have them. The Tibbetts Point Lighthouse has and will forever be a way that a define my home and where I am from, it has had a larger impact on me then even I know and although I plan on leaving for college I will always hold the lighthouse and the history of my home town as a reminder of how lucky I am to have grown up in such an amazing community.

I have been accepted and will be attending the city in which the lighthouse was automated and serviced through, SUNY Oswego. Although I do plan on leaving the comfort of

my home I am very excited to learn about new cultures and ideals and make new friends. I plan on majoring in education with a focus on history and bringing back the influences I have gained from being away and trying to place the things I have learned into the community to try and better it. I hope to return to the Thousand Islands area after graduating with a masters in education and trying to obtain a job at Thousand Islands Central School as a high school history teacher. This profession interests me because it will allow me to come back to where I was raised and to try and have the influence on kids that my teachers had on me and to try and help the community by both working within the community at events and even just by trying to better my students each and every day. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application.