

The Carson City School District's Board of Trustees  
is Sponsoring the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# *American Citizen Essay Contest*

The topic for this year's essay is:

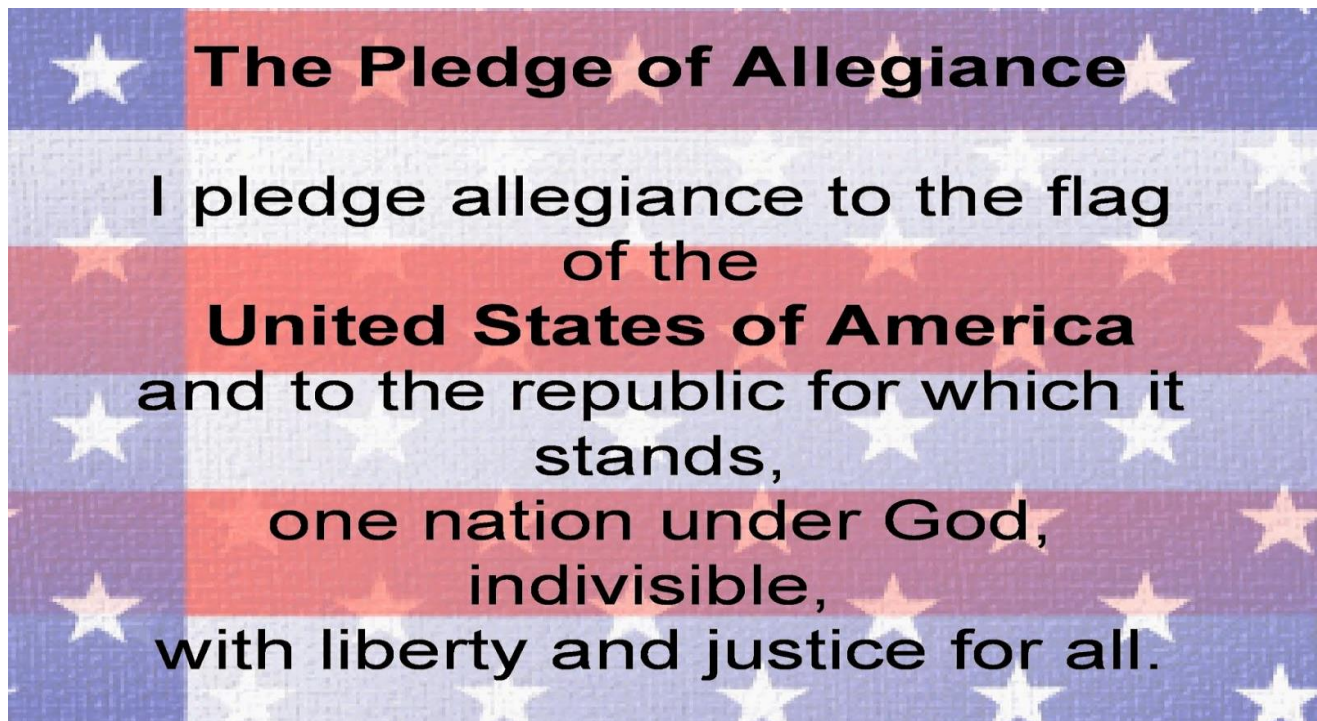
**"The Pledge of Allegiance mentions that our nation is indivisible. Considering divisions within our society today, what steps can you take to create unity?"**

Any public, charter, private or home-schooled student in Carson City may participate in this contest. The essay should be no longer than five (5) pages and may be as short as the student desires. The essay may be handwritten or typed.

**The first page of the essay must include the student's name (first and last), their age, grade, telephone number, teacher's name and school.**

**Completed essays are due to the Carson City School District at 1402 W. King Street no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2024.**

The winners for each level; elementary school, middle school and high school will receive the following cash prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$30.00.



Essays will be judged within each grade level as follows: adherence to topic, originality of thought, and use of the traits of writing; ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions.

Winners will be publicly announced at the November 12, 2024 School Board meeting.