



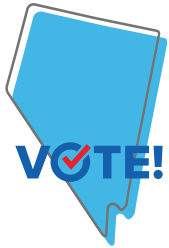
## Purpose

The purpose of the Helen J. Stewart Award is to engage **high school seniors** in their community by **encouraging voter registration among eligible Nevada high school students**. Nevada is leading the way in youth participation in elections, and making their voices heard across our state and country.



## Criteria

The Helen J. Stewart Award is presented to **any Nevada high school** that gets **at least 85 percent** of eligible students in the senior class registered to vote in Nevada.



## Eligibility

In order to register to vote in Nevada, **you must be a U.S. citizen, be at least 18 years old, and have continuously resided in Nevada at least 30 days in your county and 10 days in your precinct. Pre-registration is available to all 17-year-olds.**

Those who are pre-registered to vote will automatically be registered to vote on their 18th birthday. Individuals with a felony conviction can register to vote as long as they are not currently serving a term of imprisonment for a felony conviction.

## The Helen J. Stewart Award

The Helen J. Stewart award was established in 2016 and is **available annually to any NV high school**.

If your high school wishes to apply for the Helen J. Stewart Award, please complete and submit an award nomination form at the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/helen-j-stewart-award>.

Winners will receive an award presented in-person by the Secretary of State or SOS staff members depending on scheduling.

**Questions about the Helen J. Stewart Award can be sent to [nvelect@sos.nv.gov](mailto:nvelect@sos.nv.gov) or (775) 687-VOTE (8683).**

## About Helen J. Stewart

Helen J. Stewart moved to Nevada in 1873 from California and resided with her husband and three children in the Pioche, Nevada area. In 1882 Helen moved with her husband and children to the Las Vegas Valley to take possession of the Las Vegas Ranch. Two more children were born in the Las Vegas Valley. Helen operated the Ranch after the death of her husband in 1884. Helen Stewart became the first woman elected to the Clark County School District's Board of Trustees in 1916. She donated land in 1922 for the Las Vegas Grammar School, which became the first public school attended by Native American students from the Southern Paiute Indian Colony. The building still stands and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.