TELLING MY UTAH STORY

LETTER-WRITING COMPETITION

GETTING STARTED
By submitting a qualified entry into this contest, you will be entered in a drawing to win a ticket to attend *Hamilton* with one of your elected officials on April 19 or April 21, 2018.
Our goal in sponsoring this letter writing contest is for students like you, the next generation of leaders in Utah, to:

- Know who represents you in public office.
- Become engaged in the civic process.
- Think about what you are passionate about and can improve through the civic process.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE YOU SHOW THE CONTEST RULES TO YOUR PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) BEFORE YOU ENTER.

Alexander Hamilton, as detailed in the hip-hop themed musical *Hamilton*, rose to the top because he wrote non-stop. He wrote speeches, legal arguments, editorials, and letters.

**Lots of letters.**

The arguments and ideas put forth by Hamilton helped fuel the American Revolution and shaped the future of a young country. While controversial even today, his ideas had impact because he wrote them down and shared them widely. Then, he wrote some more.

**He wrote like he was running out of time.**

Even today, the power of the written word remains one of the most persuasive tools available. While few can rival the non-stop output of Hamilton, everybody has to start somewhere. So why not start now? Write a letter to your legislator about an issue you care about and propose a solution. We guarantee your legislator will see the letter.

Oh, and did we mention every high school student that writes a qualifying letter will be entered into a random drawing for a ticket to the hit Broadway musical *Hamilton*?
Select an elected official that represents you.

Like a Senator, Representative, etc.
Who represents me?

Enter your address into this online map to find:

Your Senator or Representative
> le.utah.gov/GIS/findDistrict.jsp

Your City Council Representative
> https://le.utah.gov/GIS/findDistrict.jsp
Choose a subject & issue you care about.
Subjects

• Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement
• Diversity and Inclusion
• Economy & Jobs
• Education
• Environmental Issues

• Health Care
• Bullying/Harassment
• LGBTQ + Issues
• Technology/Social Media/Internet
• Rural Issues
• Other
Write a letter to your selected official.

Make sure to use the online form!
NewNationProject.utah.gov/letter-competition
Important Contest Info

• You must submit a qualified entry by Feb 20 at 9am.
• Winners will be drawn at random.
• Winners must be available on April 19 or 21.
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THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!