

Affidavit of Original Scholarship and Historical Accuracy

Essayist

I hereby state that the essay I have submitted for consideration in the **George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest** is entirely my own original work product.

Specifically, it neither “borrows” from nor “leans on” the work of others by (1) incorporating the ideas, text, or phrasings of others, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) generators, without explicit identification of sources or (2) benefiting from the “crafting” or “shaping” efforts of anyone else beyond my accepting and independently applying bona fide editorial and grammatical suggestions from my chosen reviewers.

I also recognize that all historical facts presented must be readily verifiable and/or specifically referenced to the bibliographic sources I have provided. Further, I respect the fact that since any inaccuracy would both discredit and embarrass the Contest sponsor should it be identified after this essay receives an award, any historical inaccuracy identified during its review will merit automatic disqualification without notification or recourse; identification after an award will result in revocation.

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Essay Title: _____

Submitted by: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Essay Reviewer (preferably a teacher familiar with the Essayist's scholarship)

I attest that to the best of my knowledge, this essay submitted for the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is the sole, original work of this student and that it is consistent with and generally characteristic of the caliber of scholarship and self-expression this student has demonstrated in comparable assignments.

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