

**Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars  
School & Parent Release Form  
Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen Competition  
2024 - 2025**

In the event that student \_\_\_\_\_ is selected as a District **First Place Winner** and entered into the 2024 - 2025 Department of Michigan Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen Program to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 31 to February 2, 2025, please complete this form with all requested signatures.

We are requesting that the above-named student be excused from all school/sport activities on Friday January 31, 2025, and Saturday February 1, 2025, without penalty. This signed release form is to confirm a mutual understanding between the school, the above-named student and the student's parents or legal guardian, on attending the Department of Michigan Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Program.

All student activities in the Kalamazoo area will be planned for Friday January 31, 2025 and February 1, 2025 and may require travel on January 30, 2025 and February 2, 2025.

Mike Martin  
Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Director  
Department of Michigan  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
School Principal or other official

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Student

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

VFW District Chairperson: Please forward this completed release form along with all other mandatory materials to the Department Director.