

**State of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**School & Parent Release Form**  
**Voice of Democracy/ Patriot's Pen Competition**  
**2025 - 2026**

In the event that student \_\_\_\_\_ is selected as a District **First Place Winner** and entered into the 2025 - 2026 State of Michigan Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen Program to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 30 to February 1, 2026, 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 30, 2025, and Saturday January 31, 2026, 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 State of Michigan Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Program.

All student activities in the Kalamazoo area will be planned for Friday January 30, 2026 and January 31, 2026 and may require travel on January 29, 2026 and February 1, 2026.

Mike Martin  
Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen  
Director State 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 State Director.