

# 2024-2025 Official Entry Form Voice of Democracy Competition

## Must Be Completed by All Contestants

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11/18/2009  
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) Grade in School Age Jacket Size  
Monroe Country Day School  
School Name, City, State  
Pam Arnold parnold@monroe.School  
Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

## To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian

(Required even if student is 18 or over)

Carson Elizabeth Cheney ~~Cheney~~  
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)  
Carson Elizabeth Cheney 11/07/2024  
Parent/Guardian Signature Date  
(770) 337-9060  
Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone  
Carson Neal. cn@gmail.com  
Parent/Guardian Email

## Participant Agreement for Students Advancing to National Level

If selected as a first-place state winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian and school to attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C. as a guest of the VFW National Organization. In consideration for permission to participate in the National Voice of Democracy Competition ("Competition") I do hereby, for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the Competition and/or arising out of any travel related to the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my audio file, essay, name and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

## I Have Read and Understand the Rules and Participant Agreement

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have not inappropriately used any AI tools or Chat GPT. I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible. I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Samuel Neal  
Signature of Student Participant

11-07-2024  
Date

## To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander/Chairperson Signature Post #  
VFW Auxiliary President/Chairperson Signature (if applicable)  
Post Address  
City, State, Zip  
VFW Post Email  
No. of students participating  
No. of winners advanced to District  
Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$  
Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$

## To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Departments.

District Chairperson Signature Dist. #  
Address  
City, State, Zip  
( )  
Phone Email

## To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairperson

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Voice of Democracy Department Competition and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairperson Signature  
( )  
Daytime Phone Email  
The winner ☒ has been ☐ will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on

For assistance contact:  
816.968.1155  
Email: youthsponsorships@vfw.org

## Local VFW Post Information:

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time To Call: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time To Call: \_\_\_\_\_

