NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR FOUNDATION
HIGH SCHOOL CIVICS ESSAY CONTEST
2027 STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE FORM

The Student and Parent Release Form must be completed in its entirety. Failure to do so will disqualify the entry.

Please be sure that all information is legible.

Student's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Mailing Address (Street or PO Box, City, Zip): _____

Phone Number: _____ Home Email Address: _____

School: _____ City: _____

Indicate "homeschool" for a student solely participating in a homeschool program and not enrolled in any public or private school. Each essay shall include the name of a Responsible Adult (teacher, guidance counselor, administrator, parent, tutor, or mentor who is familiar with the student's work.

Responsible Adult's Name: _____

Responsible Adult's Email Address: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Phone Number: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Email Address: _____

PERMISSIONS

1. I have read, understand, complied with, and accept the terms of the contest rules for the 2027 New Hampshire Bar Foundation High School Civics Essay Contest ("Contest").

2. I warrant and represent that the student identified above wrote the entry submitted to the Contest. I further warrant and represent that the entry submitted has not been published prior to its submission to this Contest.

Note from Essay Contest Rules: ***Although a student may discuss essay topics and issues with parents, teachers, and others and read other non-AI sources for background information or generally to better understand the topics and issues, a student's essay must be the student's original work. A student's essay must not be written, in whole or in part, by any person other than the student. Use of grammar and/or spell check software is permitted.***

A student's essay must not be generated, in whole or in part, by an AI tool or system (including, but not limited to, large models such as ChatGPT, Claude, or Gemini). A student may not use an AI tool or system to aid the student in any aspect of the essay contest.

If a student's essay is found to have been generated or aided, in whole or in part, by an AI tool or system or written, in whole or in part, by any other person, the student's essay shall be disqualified from the Essay Contest. The NH Bar Foundation and/or the Essay Contest judges have sole and final discretion regarding disqualification.

Any passages contained in a student's essay paraphrased or quoted from other sources must be referenced in a "Works Cited" page in MLA or APA format. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the essay.

3. The student is enrolled in grades 11-12, or the equivalent, attending a public, private, parochial, or charter school located within the State of New Hampshire, or is participating in an equivalent homeschool program, and is under 21 years of age.

4. I hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless the New Hampshire Bar Foundation and the New Hampshire Bar Association and their successors, assigns, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, from any claims which may be asserted by or through me or my representatives, of any kind whatsoever, whether in contract or in tort, arising

directly or indirectly as a result of or related to the student's participation in the Contest, and the student's acceptance and use of any prize awarded. ***I understand that the award of a prize may have tax implications.***

5. I consent to the use of the student's name, biographical data, pictures, portraits, photographs, voice or likeness, and the entry submitted by the student in the Contest in any form for editorial, advertising, promotional, and trade purposes in connection with the promotion by the New Hampshire Bar Foundation of this Contest and succeeding programs sponsored by the New Hampshire Bar Foundation. I release the New Hampshire Bar Foundation from all liabilities arising out of distortion, optical illusions, or faulty mechanical reproductions of the student's likeness. I acknowledge that I have no right to approve the advertising or promotional materials that include the student likeness, or the entry submitted by the student to the Contest.

Student's Signature: _____Date: _____

If student is under the age of 18:

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____