

Student Volunteer

2012 CONTRACT OF COMMITMENT

NOTE TO THE COACH: *Please run off copies of this contract for any Runner you are recommending for State. Return completed forms to Power of the Pen. Contract deadline is May 8th.*

Power of the Pen is a non-profit educational organization that relies on help from volunteers. One of the most important areas of volunteer assistance is that provided by student Ballot Runners. At State, the help is especially critical because the writing takes place in several buildings. In order to generate timely results, ballots for about 700 contestants must be brought quickly and reliably to a central Tab Room and computer center. The Ballot Runner also serves as the communication link between the Judges in the individual writing rooms and Power of the Pen's other Tournament Staff.

Because we must choose the best and most responsible students possible, we are restricting our selection *only* to those students who are arriving on Thursday, May 24th in time for training at 3:00 P.M. and from whom we obtain a Contract of Commitment.

Here is what a Ballot Runner is expected to do:

- Attend a pre-Tourney training session in Mateer Auditorium at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 24, 2012. *This is an absolute requirement for participation— without exception.* (If you arrive late, report to Mateer to see what assignments remain to be filled.)
- Be at your assigned building and room no later than 9:30 A.M., Friday, May 25th ready to assist with the task of running ballots to the Tab Room.
- Be attentive to duties, maintain a quiet writing atmosphere, and refrain from disruptive or inappropriate behavior in the residence halls or on campus.
- Remain at assigned post until duties are complete to the satisfaction of your Building Monitor and/or Writing Supervisor.
- Be ready to assist in other capacities as needed.
- Wear a nametag bearing the name of Runner and your school.

I recommend _____ (*name*) as a **Ballot Runner** for the 2012 Power of the Pen State Tournament at The College of Wooster on May 24-25, 2012. I know he/she will do a responsible job.

Teacher Signature _____

School _____

City _____

Regional Site in 2012 _____

I understand what is expected of me and will do my best to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities assigned to me.

Student Signature _____

Grade _____ Date _____