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To whom it may concern:

My name is Sydney Crawford. I'm 12 years old, and I live in Wausau, Wisconsin. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the reason behind the money you are receiving.

Back in October, one of my friends told me about a writing contest called "Patriot's Pen." I thought it would be fun to enter so that is exactly what I decided to do. Everyday, I went to the ELA teacher's room with my two friends and we worked on our essays. It was really fun and I got really into it.

After about 2 weeks, the time I got at school just wasn't enough to get my essay done, so I started to take it home and get my parents to help me too. They were so helpful; they told me what I was doing right, and what I needed to change. They were very helpful, as well as the ELA teacher.

It soon came the day that my essay needed to be submitted. I got it ready, as well as the form, and we sent it in.

Now all I had to do was wait.

It felt like forever. I kept waiting, and waiting and waiting. I believe it was mid-December when

One day, well, one night, it was late and I went to bed. I was asleep for about 30 minutes when my mom came and woke me up. I was a bit grumpy, but I listened to her.

"Listen to this," she said.

She played a voicemail for me, and as soon as it started, I knew what it was. I'd won!

In the end, I got 2nd locally, and 7th district. The UFW had a luncheon and awards ceremony for me and the 7th, 2nd, & 3rd place for Voice of Democracy. It was so fun!

Before that, we had decided to donate the money I won to the Never Forgotten Honors Flight.

So, that is the story behind this donation. I hope this money helps your cause in any way possible.

If you would like to, you can send a letter back. :)

Sincerely,

Sydney Crawford, age 12