

City: _____ School: _____

Student Count: _____

Blanket Principal Authorization Form

For legal purposes, the principal or a similar administrative official is required to authorize the participation of a school in each MIFA activity (**Speech Activities**, General Policy, Membership, Participation). For many schools, an activity-by-activity authorization is desirable, for it provides administrative review of each activity. In some cases, however, one conference to secure administrative approval for the director to authorize interscholastic activities may maximize the time and interest of both the director and the principal. The form below provides a reasonable alternative to an event-by-event authorization procedure. But, principal authorization for any of the following activities does not constitute approval for a director to implement alterations, such as staff or faculty personnel changes, which are in conflict with MIFA rules.

For each item authorized by your principal via this particular form, the corresponding regular form for an event will not require the principal signature; it will only require your own signature. (It should be understood that certain unique actions, such as the hosting of MIFA events or the purchase of materials, may still require an independent approval of the action by your administrator.)

If you and your principal choose to use the following form, you should retain a copy for your records to be certain which events do or do not require additional principal authorization.

I designate the Director(s) named below as my agent and attorney in fact with the authority to perform all necessary acts consistent with the authority granted by this instrument. (Designate authorized actions by placing a mark in the applicable box.)

GENERAL

Director (s) _____

To execute and certify enrollment for purposes of determining school classification and to elect to advance our school to a higher classification for a specific interscholastic activity.

DEBATE

Director _____

To execute the MIFA membership application, to authorize the payment of the specified membership, and materials fees, and to authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in the State Debate Tournament and in Public Forum Debate.

To authorize the hiring of a judge (if necessary), for the State Debate Tournament.

To authorize participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in, as well as the hiring of a judge (if necessary), for the State Novice Debate Tournament series.

To authorize participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in, as well as the hiring of a judge (if necessary), for the State Novice Public Forum Debate Tournament series.

FILM FESTIVAL

Director _____

To execute the MIFA membership application, to authorize the payment of the specified membership, and materials fees, and to authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in the State Film Festival.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Director _____

[] To execute the MIFA membership application, to authorize the payment of the specified membership and to authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in the Regional, and State Individual Events Tournaments.

[] To authorize participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in the Original Interpretation Tournament(s).

[] To request an at-large bid and commit to participation by recipients in the regional and/or state Individual Events Tournament.

LEGISLATIVE DEBATE

Director _____

[] To execute the MIFA membership application, to authorize the payment of the specified membership, and materials fees, and to authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in the Legislative Debate series.

THEATRE

Director _____

[] To execute the MIFA membership application, to authorize the payment of the specified membership and to authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in the State Film Festivals.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Director _____

[] To execute the MIFA membership application and to authorize the payment of the specified membership fees.

[] To execute the commitment for and to authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees for entry, individual contestants, duo and multiple interpretations, and hired judges for the Fall and Spring Middle School Individual Events Tournaments, as well as Public Forum debate.

[] To execute the commitment for and to authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees for entry and hired judges for the Middle School Public Forum Debate Tournament.

Date: _____ Principal's Signature: _____

Principal's Name (please print or type) _____

School: _____