

Apply To Become the Student Trustee

What is a Student Trustee?

A student trustee is essentially the same as an adult trustee but with a few subtle differences. Both trustees sit on district boards of education to pass policy and budgets to improve the quality of education in schools. Student trustees are responsible for representing students; adult trustees represent all taxpayers. Student trustees are responsible for acting as a link between students and the board. Student trustees are also members of their Student Senate, or Student Advisory Council. Student trustees may suggest motions to advance issues and may cast a nonbinding vote.

What role does the Student Trustee play?

Student representation forms an important basis for Board decisions that affect students. The student representative cannot vote (under subsection 55(3) of the Education Act) but participates at the Board table and/or committee meetings. A Student Trustee is elected by student peers to represent the student voice.

Why Apply?

- What a great learning experience!
- Learn about political processes and the education system
- Gain valuable public speaking, research, leadership and evaluation skills
- Become the voice of students at important trustee meetings

What are the benefits?

- Mentored by a Board trustee and an in-school mentor
- Opportunity to attend conferences and events
- \$2500 honourarium
- Great experience for your resumé

How to Apply?

- Ensure you meet the criteria for becoming the student trustee
- Read the procedure guidelines - Student Trustee Representation on the Board
- Fill out and return the application form by **March 23rd, 2018. (Expression of Interest for Student Trustee Form)**
- Submit a **Personal Profile** (a short essay-style response or video presentation introducing yourself and sharing why you want to represent your fellow students within the Sudbury Catholic District School Board.
- Have your Principal and guardian complete the following forms and submit:
 - **Principal's Letter of Reference**
 - **Parent or Guardian Consent Form**



All application packages must be submitted to the Catholic Education Centre (165A D'Youville Street, Attention Amanda Barry). Questions can be directed to your school Principal or to Amanda Barry at the Sudbury Catholic District School Board office at (705) 673-5620 ext. 253.

Who can apply to be a student trustee?

- To be eligible for the role of student trustee, you must:
- Be a full-time Sudbury Catholic District School Board student, with good academic standing and must be at least in the senior division (Grades 11 or 12) by September 1st of the subsequent school year
- Maintain regular school attendance
- Provide confirmation of support from the school principal
- Provide confirmation of support and acknowledgment of the student trustee's responsibilities from the parent/guardian
- Be willing to commit the necessary time to attend meetings and perform the duties and responsibilities of a student trustee



Expression of Interest for Student Trustee

I, _____ (Last Name, First Name) born _____ (Month/Day/Year) wish to declare my interest in serving as Student Trustee for the Sudbury Catholic District School Board for the period from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019.

Personal Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Current School: _____

Criteria Checklist

- Full-time Sudbury Catholic student with a good academic standing and is in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 by September 1st of the subsequent school year.
- Written support of a school official (teacher, principal, coach)
- Signed support from parent/guardian
- Personal profile

Why would you be a valuable addition to the Student Senate?

Along with your application package you should include your answers to the Personal Profile questions attached to this form. Your answers should be approximately two hundred words in length and should tell us both why you are interested in a position as a Student Senator and why you would be a valuable member of the Senate.

After you submit your application:

As an applicant you will be invited to be interviewed by the Student Senate on **Thursday, April 5th** at the Board office at 3pm as part of the application process. If this time does not work for you, please include an indication of this with your application and you will be contacted to arrange a different time.



PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT (FOR STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18)

This will confirm that _____ (Name of Student) has my permission to run for the position of Student Trustee with the Sudbury Catholic District School Board for the term August 1st, 2018 - to July 31st 2019. I am aware that, if elected, he/she will serve as Student Trustee Elect from April 2018 to July 31st, then Student Trustee for the 2018 - 2019 academic year. He/She will be required to attend Board meetings which are held approximately every 3rd Tuesday commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Sudbury Catholic District School Board Catholic Education Centre during this period of time. The Student Trustee will also need to attend and lead monthly Student Senate meetings.

I am further aware of the time commitments of this position and understand that my daughter/son is required to be a full-time student in the senior division of a secondary school of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board by September 1st of the subsequent school year.

Student's School: _____

Student's Current Grade: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Contact Number: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Personal Profile

Please use the following questions as a guide in a short essay-style response (1 page max.)
OR video format (3-5 minutes max.). Video profiles should be submitted on a memory key.
(Please ensure videos are in avi or mov format.)

Tips for the Personal Profile:

- Tell us about your experience and qualifications but first **reflect on what you learned** from them and why they are relevant.
- When using examples, be as **specific** as possible.
- Tell us what you hope to **accomplish** as part of the Senate and how you would be an **asset** to our team.
- Focus on what you want to say and **be true to who you are**. Don't just tell us what you think we want to hear; we want to see your **passion** and your **unique viewpoint**.

Guiding Questions:

1. Describe your experience with the school system in three words.
2. Do you believe it's important for students to be involved in their own education?
State why or why not.
3. What improvements do you believe should be made to our current education system?
4. Tell us about yourself and why you deserve this position.
5. What do you think you can contribute to the Senate?