



## **Apply To Become the Next Student Trustee**

### **What is a Student Trustee?**

A student trustee is essentially the same as an adult trustee but with 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?**

- Experience great learning over a two-year term
- Learn about political processes and the education system
- Gain valuable public speaking, research, leadership and evaluation skills
- Become the voice of students

### **What are the benefits?**

- Mentorship opportunities both through the Board of Trustees and an in-school mentor
- Opportunity to attend conferences and events
- Opportunity to enhance and develop your communication and leadership skills
- \$2500 honorarium
- Great experience to add to your resume



## How to Apply?

- Ensure you meet the criteria for becoming a student trustee
- Read the procedure guidelines – Student Trustee Representation on the Board
- Fill out and return the application form by **Thursday, April 1, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.**
- Submit Personal Profile questions to <https://forms.gle/H9GvPH8KzHPtV47F6>
- Have your Principal and parent or guardian complete the following forms:
  - ◆ **Principal's Letter of Reference**
  - ◆ **Parent or Guardian Consent Form**

## Parent or Guardian Consent Form

All application questions must be completed online, and further attachments emailed to Tracey Adams ([tracey.adams@sudburycatholicschools.ca](mailto:tracey.adams@sudburycatholicschools.ca)). Questions can be directed to your school Principal or to Tracey Adams 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 (Grade 11) by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the subsequent school year
- Provide confirmation of support from the school principal
- Provide confirmation of support and acknowledgement 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, 2021 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### 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 **Grade 11** by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the subsequent school year.
- Written support of a school official (principal, vice-principal, or educator)
- Signed support from parent/guardian
- Personal Profile Questions

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

Along with your application package you should consider the questions to the Personal Profile. 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:

The Student Senate will interview applicants on **Wednesday April 7, 2021 via Zoom** as part of the application process. Links for the interview will be provided beforehand to candidates through personal email.



## 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 of August 1, 2021 – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. I am aware that, if elected, he/she will serve as Student Trustee for the Board for a two-year term. He/She will be required to attend Board meetings, which are held approximately every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Sudbury Catholic District School Board Catholic Education Centre. The Student Trustee will also need to attend and co-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 Grade 11 of a secondary school in the Sudbury Catholic District School Board by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the subsequent school year.

Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Personal Profile:

Please answer the following questions in 200 words or less.

### Tips for the Personal Profile:

- Tell us about your experience and qualifications. Be sure to **reflect on what you learned** from them and how these instances are relevant to this position.
- When using examples, be as **specific** as possible.
- Tell us what you hope to **accomplish** as part of the Senate/Board of Trustees 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/Board of Trustees?