

# Upper Canada District School Board Student Trustees Elections February 26, 2021

## **Who is eligible?**

Any full-time Upper Canada District School Board students entering Grades 11 or 12 that is in good standing for the entire year in the UCDSB can apply to be a Student Trustee.

Specifically, a person is qualified to act as a Student Trustee if he or she:

- be a \*full time pupil at an Upper Canada District School Board secondary school in the senior division; or
- be an exceptional pupil in a special education program for whom the board has reduced the length of instructional program.
- full time pupil status applies to participation in any of the four program delivery options currently available to students in the Upper Canada District School Board (in-person, synchronous, asynchronous digital/e-learning, asynchronous non-digital).
- be 16 years of age or older by December 31 of the year in which he or she holds office.
- have parental consent (if under 18 years of age).
- have strong academic standing, good leadership and communication skills.
- \*full-time pupil has the same meaning as in the most recent regulations made under section 21 of the Act.
- A person is not qualified to be elected or act as a Student Trustee if he or she is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
- A person who ceases to be qualified to act as a Student Trustee shall resign from the position.
- If a Board determines that a vacancy shall be filled, it shall be filled by a by-election.

## **What do Student Trustees do?**

A Student Trustee is a representative of the students for the school board and are present at the board table. They offer insights, opinions or perspectives on behalf of all students in the UCDSB. The role of the Student Trustee has three key elements where they represent the views of students or support student leadership:

1. Serving as the Chairperson of the UCDSB Student Senate. The Senate meets four times during the school year, with representatives from each UCDSB secondary school;
2. Attending Board Meetings held by the public school board in Brockville, either in person or through electronic means. These meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday evening, each month. The Student Trustees presents reports to the Board after each Student Senate meeting and is authorized to participate in all Board public meetings according to the Acts and Regulations of the Ministry of Education.
3. Attending the two [Ontario Student Trustee Association's \(OSTA-AECO\) conferences \(Toronto / Ottawa\)](#), as well as being an active member of this organization.

The term of office for the Student Trustee is August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022. The total honorarium accorded to a Student Trustee who holds office for a complete term is \$2,500.00. If a Student Trustee holds office for less than a complete term, the \$2,500.00 is prorated according to the proportion of term served.

Link to Student Trustee Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/can/ucdsb/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BH8SVM748B04>

Link to Student Trustee Procedure:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/can/ucdsb/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AXKHHG46C58A>

Student Trustees Elections – February 2021:

There are key steps that guide our search for two Student Trustees:

**Step 1:** Students interested in becoming a Student Trustee need to complete a brief application form by **Thursday 19 February, 2021**. A short list of Student Trustee candidates will be identified from among the applications received by school board.

**Step 2:** An application review panel (involving School Board Trustees and our current Student Trustees) will develop a final list of candidates. These candidates will be placed on the ballot.

**Step 3:** Members of the UCDSB Student Senate will elect a candidate electronically at their meeting on Friday 26 February, 2021.

Students interested in applying to be our Student Trustee must note the following information:

- You must download and fill out an application (<http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=148427&pageId=9424514>) and have it signed by a parent/guardian and principal.
- **Completed forms must be sent by email to [lisa.workman@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:lisa.workman@ucdsb.on.ca) on/before noon February 19<sup>th</sup>**