



INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL APPLICATION PROCESS

In consultation with Indigenous Role Models, First Nations Education Council and others, the Indigenous Role Model Program will proceed as it did last school year. The new application process that started in 2016-2017 will continue to be in two parts:

PART 1:

Candidates are invited to apply for this year's Role Model Program by completing the attached form **(FORM 1)** and returning it to our office by **Friday, December 15, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.** **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE!**

Candidates need to be First Nations/Ancestry, Métis, Inuit, status, or non-status and currently be in Grade 8-11 in school district 27.

Candidates submitting a completed (FORM 1) will be invited to attend an Essay Writing Workshop in the spring which will provide them with the information and training necessary to complete (FORM 2) which will be handed out at that time. The final application process **(FORM 2)** which will then be due to our Department by **Friday, March 8, 2024 by 4:30 p.m.** **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE.**

In gathering the candidates together, the students will be briefed on important First Nations protocol for our Role Models. Workshop number 2 will be a Public Speaking Workshop and there will be some fun activities planned where these candidates can get to know one another prior to the Role Model Ceremony.

It is hoped that the candidates will have the comfort of knowing each other and take away some important new skills. These two separate days of workshops will be announced once dates are confirmed. They will take place in the School District Boardroom and lunch will be provided. Following these two days of activities, all the candidates will progress to PART 2 of the Application Process.

PART 2:

In Part 2, the Role Model Candidates will complete **(FORM 2)**. This form will ask the candidates to include their essay, copy of report card and at least two letters of reference. It was felt that the students and teachers required more time to get to know one another prior to asking for letters of reference. References can be from school staff, bosses, coaches, volunteer groups.

Finally, our goal is for all the Role Model Candidates to realize that they are all Role Models in their families, schools, and Communities. Two candidates will be selected as our District's representatives of the Role Model Program, to promote the program and represent our District for Indigenous students.

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