

Upper Canada District School Board Student Trustees Elections February 2020

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:

- Is a full-time pupil (taking 6 or more courses¹) at an UCDSB secondary school in the senior division (Grade 11 or Grade 12);
- Is 16 years of age or older by December 31 of the year in which he or she holds office;
- Has the consent of their parent / guardian (if under 18 years of age) to serve as a Student Trustee; and
- Has provided evidence of strong academic standing in their current school program, good leadership and communication skills.

Please note that, in accordance with the *Education 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.

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. These meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday evening, each month. The Student Trustees presents brief reports to the Board of Trustees, up to four times a year.

¹ A full-time pupil may also be an exceptional pupil in a special education program, for whom the Board has reduced the length of the program under subsection 3 (3) of Regulation 298.

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, 2020 to July 31, 2021. An honorarium of \$2,500 is provided to the Student Trustee at the end of their term of office.

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 2020:

There are key steps that guide our search for a new Student Trustee:

Step 1: Students interested in becoming a Student Trustee need to complete a brief application form by **Thursday 13 February, 2020**. 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 Trustee) 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 from the ballot at their meeting on Friday 21 February, 2020.

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 to the attention of Lisa Workman, Trustee Liaison Officer for the Upper Canada District School Board, at lisa.workman@ucdsb.on.ca.