Indigenous Role Model Program for 2026-2027

INDIGENOUS ROLE MODELS

Deadline for applications (Form 1):

Friday, December 11, 2026 by 4:30 p.m. NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE & TIME.

School District No. 27
Indigenous Education Department
350 N. 2nd Avenue,
Williams Lake, B.C.
V2G 1Z9

Further Information: Call
Tracy Hubner
Telephone: 250-398-3836

INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL APPLICATION PROCESS

In consultation with Indigenous Role Models, Indigenous 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 11, 2026 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 a school district 27 school.

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 5, 2027 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.

Participation in both workshops count in the scoring of the candidates.

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 a School District meeting room 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 tell the candidates what to include in their package. **PLEASE READ FORM 2 CAREFULY SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING!**
References can be from school staff, bosses, coaches, volunteer groups, Chiefs. Not family.

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.

For further information please contact:

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October 2026

APPLICATION FOR
INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL PROGRAM
FORM 1

DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026 BY 4:30 PM. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE!!

For First Nations/Ancestry/Métis/Inuit/Status/Non-Status Students attending a Secondary School in School District No. 27 (Grades 8-11)

NAME: _____

FIRST NATIONS ANCESTRY/MÉTIS OR INUIT, STATUS OR NON-STATUS: _____

BAND NAME or NATION NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

PHOTO RELEASE:

We, the Parents/Guardians of _____ give our permission for School
(Name of Student)
District No. 27 to use photos to promote the importance of education, First Nations culture and language at various functions regarding the Role Model Program.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

Considering student's academic effort, attendance, behavior record and contributions to school, I would endorse this application.

_____ _____
Principal Signature **Date**

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Please Submit to: Principal, Vice-Principal or Indigenous Worker at your school who will submit on time to:

School District 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)
Indigenous Education Department
350 N. 2nd Avenue
Williams Lake, B.C. V2G 1Z9

FORM 2: APPLICATION FOR FIRST NATIONS ROLE MODEL PROGRAM

Due by Friday, March 5, 2027, by 4:30 p.m.

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NAME: _____

_____

I am a Role Model /Leader in my school: Yes ____ No ____
I am a Role Model/Leader in my Community: Yes ____ No ____
I am currently on the Honor Roll. Yes ____ No ____
I am currently on the Work Ethic list. Yes ____ No ____
I attend school on a regular basis. Yes ____ No ____
List two classes that reflect your academic achievement:

_____ _____ _____ _____
Course **Grade** **Course** **Grade**

YOUR PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

***Report Card:** Please attach a copy of your report card
***Reference Letters:** Please attach at least 2 reference letters. Please give these people time to prepare them; do not request the day you need it! They may be teachers, coaches, Chiefs, bosses. (Not your parents/grandparents).
***PHOTO:** Please provide a picture of yourself (cannot be a photocopy. Photo on a report card does not count!!). It will be returned to you. Your photo could also be emailed to us at tracy.hubner@sd27.bc.ca
***ESSAY: Please provide an essay (at least 2 pages). Include why you possess all or some of the following virtues:** This can be typed or handwritten – one side per page please. DO NOT USE PENCIL! (Essays written using AI will not be accepted)

- **Trust**
- **Respect for self and Others**
- **First Nations Cultural Awareness/Involvement**
- **Healthy Lifestyle**
- **Leadership**
- **Include Examples of how you make positive choices in your life i.e. choosing not to smoke.**
- **Provide Examples of you being a Role Model:** Attach Response

***VOLUNTEER WORK:** Please give examples of volunteer work you have done in your Community/School or Other: Attach Response.
***WHAT DOES BEING A ROLE MODEL MEAN TO YOU?** Attach Response.
***I understand that my First Nations culture teaches me to do my best at everything I do:**

- **Yes _____ No _____** Attach Response.

***$1,000.00 Bursary:** The winning Role Models will each receive a $1,000.00 Bursary that must be put towards educational purposes. Please give us an example of what you would put this towards: Attach Response.

NOTE: Please state jacket size:

MENS: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ Ex. Large _____

LADIES: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ Ex. Large _____

Please Submit to:

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The voting process and how our Winners are determined:

Applications are voted on by members of the Indigenous Education Council. The applicants' names are omitted throughout their package and their photos are with-held from the judges to give role model candidates the best chance of being chosen strictly by the contents of their package.

The members of Indigenous Education Council are not aware of who the winners are until the day of the Role Model Celebration. It is the responsibility of the First Nations Education Department to total the scores from the voting packages and from that the winners' posters and bookmarks are made using the photo submitted.

Any questions on this form, please contact:

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