



## Peer Leader Application Form for SWIS Peer Leader Training 2021

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Fill in all of the sections of this application form. The information on this form will be used to contact you in the event that you are invited to the interview portion of the recruitment process. Interviews will be scheduled during May.

**Please submit completed application forms by April 9, 2021.**

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**Name of Home School**

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**I am in Grade**

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**First Name**

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**Last Name**

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**Home Address**

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**City**

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**Postal Code**

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**Home Phone Number**

### Student Contact Information

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**Cell Phone**

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**Email address**

**What is the best way to contact you?** Select one  Home Phone  Cell Phone  Email

**Please list any language(s) that you speak/understand (other than English):**

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Have you attended the NOW program before as a newcomer participant?  
If yes, please provide details.

Yes  No

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Have you applied to be a Peer Leader in the NOW program before?  
If yes, please provide details.

Yes  No

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Please list any experience that you have with newcomers. It may include things such as:

- You have been a newcomer in an Ontario school (past or present)
- Experience through your parents, friends, family members, community involvement, etc.
- Anything else you feel is important/relevant to this position

**You may attach a resumé or additional sheets if necessary.**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**



## What is NOW (Newcomer Orientation Week)?

For many newcomer students, high school in Ontario is very different from their previous school and the first few months can be stressful. The NOW program promises to give these students “better starts” in their new schools by orienting them to the people and activities that can help them settle in their new school.

NOW is a program where Peer Leaders (supported by school settlement workers and teachers) lead newcomer students in activities that orient them to the school system in Ontario. Through interactive activities, newcomer students are oriented in a supportive, fun environment.

The role of Peer Leaders is a key feature of the NOW program. During the week before NOW, Peer Leaders are provided with full training on the program and leadership skills and earn community hours.

## Peer Leader Eligibility and Selection Criteria

### Eligibility:

- Must be a full-time, returning high school student in September 2021.
- Must have attended an Ontario high school for at least one semester.
- Must be **fully available** for Peer Leader training dates and NOW program delivery dates: June 29<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>

### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrates positive social relationships among peers/schoolmates within a diverse environment
- Good communication and leadership skills
- Respectful of others, outgoing, and empathetic; awareness of the challenges faced by students who are new to the school system
- Good knowledge of school rules and routines. Familiarity with other school programs such as clubs, extra-curricular activities and other special events/activities
- Punctuality and full participation in a Peer Leader training program and the NOW program.
- Experience as a newcomer student in the Ontario school system and/or fluency in a second language are definite assets
- Preference will be given to those who have not previously participated in the program as a Peer Leader