



Decatur County Community Action Coalition/Greensburg Prevention Group  
**ROLE MODEL PROGRAM**

As part of their missions, the Decatur County Community Action Coalition (CAC) and Greensburg Prevention Group (GPG) strive to decrease substance abuse and related behaviors by promoting healthy choices in Decatur County and Greensburg. To that end, the CAC and GPG have implemented a student Role Model Program "Be the Wall". Be the Wall is building a wall between Decatur County teens and substance abuse.

Seventh grade and junior-year students are eligible to apply as Student Role Models. Students are announced at each school's Honor Day, subsequently serving as role models for the following school year (during the student's eighth grade or senior year). In addition to Honor Day recognition, role models are also featured on the CAC and GPG's Role Model Posters, which are distributed throughout the community. Additionally, the incoming senior recipients receive a \$200 scholarship toward their first semester of college, courtesy of the CAC/GPG.

To be eligible to apply as a Role Model applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a current 7<sup>th</sup> grader or 11<sup>th</sup> grader
2. Be a student in good academic standing
3. Be a student in good standing in extracurricular activities, including, but not limited to: work, clubs, sports
4. Be willing to sign a pledge, indicating your intention to make healthy choices and live alcohol, tobacco and drug-free
5. Be willing to serve on the substance-abuse fighting group at your school (i.e. SADD, Student Council, etc.)
6. Be willing to act as a liaison between the CAC and GPG and your school, helping to coordinate various CAC/GPG-sponsored activities such as Red Ribbon Week, convocations, etc.
7. Complete the reverse application, including a paragraph explaining the following: "Why is it important to be a good role model". Return all information to your guidance office. The entire application should include application, essay and list of extracurricular activities (example: clubs, employment, sports, theatre, groups, volunteer activities, church etc.).
9. Include two references separate from the application – have references email their letters (word document) to [cacdecatur17@gmail.com](mailto:cacdecatur17@gmail.com)

Applications are due March 1, 2021, and all recipients will be recognized at their school's Honor Day Program in May 2021. The CAC and GPG will ideally select one incoming male senior and one incoming female senior from each of the three area high schools to serve as role models and be featured on their own individual posters. One incoming eighth grade student will be selected from each school, and will be featured on one group posts featuring the eighth grade students from all schools.



DECATUR COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION and GREENSBURG PREVENTION GROUP

### 2021 ROLE MODEL APPLICATION

Deadline: March 1, 2021

I. Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

II. Circle one: Male / Female    7th Grade / 11th Grade    Greensburg / North / South/ St. Mary

III. On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following in **500 words or less**. Please list your name on your **essay**:    Why is it important to be a good Role Model?

*Ideas you may want to consider:*

*Why do you want to be a role model for your school? How are you a role model? What would you do to be an ideal role model? Who has positively affected you the most? Who would you choose as your own role model?*

IV. Please include a list of all extracurricular activities, including jobs, sports, clubs, etc.

V. I have requested references from the following two people, and have asked them to email a **unique** paragraph attesting **to my character**. Their paragraph will be sent to the email [cacdecat17@gmail.com](mailto:cacdecat17@gmail.com) , separate from this application. References may include teachers, coaches, counselors, employers, etc.:

Reference #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Reference #2 \_\_\_\_\_

VI. In applying for the role model, I attest that I am in good standing with my grades, extra-curricular activities, job, sports, clubs, etc. I understand, if chosen, I will be asked to sign a pledge card indicating my intention to remain alcohol, tobacco and drug-free, and agree to serve as my school liaison to CAC/GPG.

**RETURN APPLICATION, ESSAY AND LIST TO GUIDANCE OFFICE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature /

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature /

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Student Contact Information: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_