

WE MATTER

2019/2020 National Ambassadors of Hope Application

The National Ambassadors of Hope Program is a program supporting Indigenous youth to be healers and changemakers by sharing hope, culture and strength.

We Matter is recruiting Indigenous youth across Canada to become National Ambassadors of Hope! We believe Indigenous youth are healers and changemakers, and with the right support and resources, can be the ones to inspire and uplift other Indigenous youth and their communities.

Are you an Indigenous youth who is dedicated to promoting hope and life within your community and region!?
We want **YOU** to apply!

Details of the National Ambassadors of Hope Program

Ambassadors of Hope are Indigenous (Métis, Inuit and First Nations) youth **ages 16-26** who share messages of hope, culture and strength within their own communities and surrounding region. Using We Matter Toolkits, and with support from the We Matter team, they deliver presentations on hardship, hope, and healing across schools and communities. They live by example in order to inspire and connect with other Indigenous youth, break mental health and suicide stigma, and promote healthy communities.

National Ambassadors will:

- Attend a Training Gathering in order to equip them with the skills, knowledge, confidence and support needed to become We Matter Ambassadors
- Deliver presentations and sharing sessions in communities, schools, centres, and gatherings within their region
- Encourage others in becoming comfortable to use We Matter Toolkits to start discussions on hardship, hope and healing
- Be provided with the materials, resources, swag, and support from We Matter needed for sharing messages of hope, culture and strength
- Participate in regular check-ins and Virtual Sharing Circles throughout the year
- Connect, share, and build relationships with other Ambassadors
- Be active and visible helpers, leaders, and changemakers

We Matter will be selecting **25 youth** to support throughout the year – approximately 2 youth per territory and province. We are also looking for a diversity of Indigenous youth: ability, gender and sexuality, urban and remote, etc.

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Eligibility & Commitment

- Ambassadors must self-identify as Métis, Inuit or First Nations
- Ambassadors must be between the ages of 16-26 at time of application
- Ambassadors must commit to the program for a minimum term of one year, and will be encouraged to take an independent lead within their own regions
- Applicants must submit the following to be considered:
 - *Written application*
(or complete orally by contacting hopeambassadors@wemattercampaign.org)
 - *Application video*
 - *#HopeForum Registration and Waiver form*
- Before final selections are made, applicants will need to have a call with We Matter
- Selected Ambassadors will need to attend a mandatory week-long *We Matter & Facebook #HopeForum: National Ambassadors of Hope Training* week in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 27th to 31st, 2019
(travel, accommodation, and food will be covered)
- Selected Ambassadors will need to remain engaged throughout the year, staying in touch regularly with the We Matter team and fellow Ambassadors
- This is a mentorship program, and Ambassadors will have opportunities to receive compensation

Submit complete applications (questions, video, and #HopeForum Registration & Waiver) to hopeambassadors@wemattercampaign.org by April 1st, 2019.

- If you would like to submit an oral application, or have any other needs, just let us know!
- If you need to fax your application, reach out to us.
- If you have any questions about the Ambassadors of Hope Program or your application, you can email hopeambassadors@wemattercampaign.org.

We will be selecting National Ambassadors of Hope based on your expressed passion and dedication to making positive change, breaking stigma and cycles, and promoting life!

1) Video Submission

- **Film a short 1-3 minute video sharing a bit about your story: who you are and why you want to be a National Ambassador of Hope!**
 - You can film this on a phone, ipod/ipad, camera, or computer
 - Only the We Matter team reviewing applications will see this video
 - A written application is nice, but we want to see how awesome you are in person!
- If you have any trouble attaching the video to your application email submission, let us know so we can help.

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2) Written Application

Who are you? Share a bit about your story and how you identify.

What is your region? Share a bit about your community/town/city and what it's like for Indigenous youth living there.

Do you see different challenges, pain, or "hopelessness" in your community or region? Or with youth around you? What negative effects does this cause?

What are some strengths of your community or region? What have you seen that brings HOPE and positivity to your community and youth in meaningful ways?

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What MORE can be done in your community to bring HOPE or help people who are having trouble?

What kinds of things would you like to see more of in your community (mental health supports, resources, activities, events, programs, etc.)?

What have you done personally to bring support and positivity to your area or other youth around you?

Why do you want to be a National Ambassador of Hope?

What does hope, culture, and strength mean to you?

**We Matter & Facebook
National Ambassadors of Hope
#HopeForum Training**

May 27th through May 31st, 2019

Winnipeg, MB

Registration Form and Waiver

Participant Name:

Pronouns (for example, she/her, he/him, they/them):

Date of Birth:

(note: if under 18 will need parental or guardian signature for waiver)

Shirt/Hoodie size:

Email Address & Phone #:

Nation / How you identify:

Community (where you're travelling from):

Dietary Restrictions or Allergies?:

(Indicate whether each restriction is an allergy or preference. We will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner the 27th-31st)

Emergency Contact (name, address, email, phone #):

Do you require your own room? (only in case of special needs):

Yes / No

Any disability requirements or other things we should know?:

The form on this page contains very important information about your participation in the #HopeForum ("the Project"). By signing this form, you are agreeing to give up certain legal rights. Please read it carefully before signing.

Waiver of Liability

I hereby release, discharge and hold harmless We Matter and any involved organizers of the Ambassadors of Hope #HopeForum, their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and insurers, (collectively, the "Released Parties") of and from any and all claims, causes of action and rights to compensation that may arise or relate to (1) damage to or loss of property sustained by me during my participation in the Project, (2) medical or hospital care, personal illness or injury, or death sustained by me during my participation in the Project, or (3) any act or omission of the Released Parties before, during or after the Project is completed (except for intentional misconduct). I intentionally and knowingly waive any and all such claims that I may have against the Released Parties, and I reserve only and do not waive or release claims for intentional misconduct. This Contract, Release and Waiver of Liability shall be binding and enforceable against me and my heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns with respect to my participation in the project, and this Release and Waiver of Liability shall be governed by the law of the Province of Ontario.

Media Release

I authorize We Matter and the #HopeForum organizers to have and use photographs, digital images, videos, slides, audio clips, as may be needed for promotion and public relations. By participating in the Ambassadors of Hope #HopeForum I consent to the organization using photographs, videos and/or sound recordings taken, or of which I am a part, online, in media, or in materials, and resources created subsequent to event, for awareness and promotion of the event, or for other promotion purposes of the organizers.

Personal Conduct

I agree to be respectful of other participants, and participating organizations. I acknowledge that this gathering will discuss sensitive topics, and that if I display disrespectful or hurtful behavior, I can be removed from the remainder of the #HopeForum and Ambassadors of Hope Program, without reimbursement for travel or expenses. I agree that my participation in the Project is entirely at the discretion of We Matter and the organizers of the #HopeForum, and that their determination about my continued participation is final. I understand and agree that possessing and consuming illegal drugs poses a danger to myself and others. I agree to not possess or consume illegal drugs, alcohol or illicit substances for the duration of my participation in the Project.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I fully understand and agree with the conditions and restrictions set forth above.

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

IF UNDER 18 – PARENTAL or GUARDIAN CONSENT:

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____