



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 7th grader or 11th grader
2. Be a student in good academic standing
3. Be willing to serve on the Mayor's Youth Council.
4. Be a student in good standing in extracurricular activities, including, but not limited to: work, clubs, sports
5. Be willing to sign a pledge, indicating your intention to make healthy choices and live alcohol, tobacco and drug-free
6. Be willing to serve on the substance-abuse fighting group at your school (i.e. SADD, Student Council, etc.)
7. 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.
8. 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

Applications are due February 29, 2024, and all recipients will be recognized at their school's Honor Day Program in May 2024. 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.