

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have questions about the selection procedures for your county, contact your County Page Coordinator. If you need to find out the name of your County Page Coordinator, or if you have questions about the program in Annapolis, contact:

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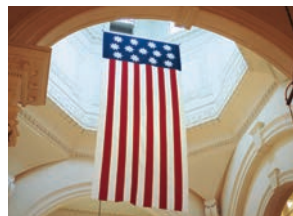
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Student Page Program for Maryland High School Seniors



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Maryland General Assembly
Annapolis, Maryland

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STUDENT PAGE PROGRAM

Since 1970, Maryland high school seniors have been serving as student pages for members of the State legislature. The program was begun by then-House Speaker Thomas Hunter Lowe and approved by the Maryland State Board of Education. Each year, 105 pages and 36 alternates are selected from across the State to represent their schools and counties in Annapolis.

HOW STUDENTS ARE SELECTED

The page program is nonpatronage and selection is done through the local school systems. Each county in Maryland has a County Page Coordinator who is appointed by the local Superintendent of Schools. This person is responsible for organizing and conducting the selection process used by the county's public and nonpublic schools to select the students who will serve as pages and alternates.

Each county is allocated at least one page and one alternate position and receives additional positions based on its high school senior student population. Interested students apply through their schools in September of their senior year, and selection is completed by October 31 of each year.

QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must:

- Reside in the State of Maryland and attend a Maryland public or nonpublic high school. Exception: One at-large page position is available for students who reside in Maryland but attend schools outside the State. These students must apply directly to the Maryland General Assembly (MGA) Page Coordinator no later than October 20 of each year.
- Be a high school senior at least 16 years of age.
- Have or obtain a Social Security number.
- Exhibit an interest in government and history.
- Have a record of good conduct.

- Be competent, courteous, reliable, and efficient.
- Have an average or above-average scholastic record.
- Wear appropriate dress and exhibit good personal grooming.
- Be outgoing and like to meet people.

DUTIES

Each selected page serves two nonconsecutive weeks in either the Senate or the House of Delegates. During the thirteen weeks of session, which run from the second week in January to early April, each page serves one week during the first eight weeks and returns for a second week during the last five.

The duties of pages revolve around the schedule of the chamber to which they are assigned. Whenever their assigned chamber is in session, pages must be present.

Duties include:

- Keeping the members' bill books up to date.
- Distributing materials on the floor to the members.
- Running errands.
- Answering the phone and assisting visitors.
- Delivering messages to the members.

Pages do not work in Senators' or Delegates' offices. This work is done by staff members and college interns.

STIPEND AND LODGING

Each page is paid \$55 per day. Lodging and meals must be paid by the page. Lodging in homes within walking or a short driving distance of the State House is arranged by the MGA Page Office for all pages from outside Anne Arundel County. Cost is \$25 per night. If a page is going to lodge with family or friends in the Annapolis area, written permission from parents or guardian must be submitted to the MGA Page Office. Transportation is the responsibility of the page.