

## **2010 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STUDENT PAGE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET**

**Date:** January 12, 2010 to April 12, 2010

**Place:** Maryland State House, Annapolis, Maryland

**Purpose:**

Selected high school seniors, who attend public or nonpublic schools within the State of Maryland, will be given the opportunity to participate as pages for members of the Maryland General Assembly during the 2009 session. The program is designed to:

1. Interest youth in state government, more specifically, in the proceedings of the legislature;
2. Increase participation in government and foster leadership among youth; and
3. Provide students with worthwhile experiences in state government, especially the legislature.

**Qualifications:**

Senior class students, who are at least 16 years of age, of all Maryland public and nonpublic high schools, and who are residents within the State of Maryland, are eligible to apply. (See note regarding student residents of Maryland who attend out-of-state schools or who receive their schooling at home.) Each applicant is requested to:

1. Complete the application form, being certain that a parent or guardian signs the bottom of the application;
2. Submit the application to the high school you attend following any additional requirements or procedures stated by your principal or County Page Coordinator. Application is based on the school and school system you attend, not where you live;
3. Have or obtain a social security number;
4. Exhibit an interest in government and history;
5. Have a record of good conduct. Be competent, courteous, and reliable;
6. Have an average or above average scholastic record;
7. Wear appropriate dress and exhibit good personal grooming; and
8. Be outgoing and like to meet people.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration without discrimination because of sex, race, creed, economic status, national origin, or the presence of disabilities. Students who are selected to participate will be notified prior to November 15, 2009, by the Speaker and the President of the Maryland General Assembly.

**Duties:**

Each selected page will serve two nonconsecutive weeks in either the House of Delegates or the State Senate. During the thirteen weeks of session, each page will serve one week during the first eight weeks and return for his/her second week during the last five.

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The duties of the page revolve around the schedule of the chamber to which he/she is assigned. Whenever their house is in session, pages must be present. Duties include:

1. Keeping the members' bill books up to date;
2. Distributing materials on the floor to the members;
3. Running errands;

4. Answering the phone and assisting visitors; and
5. Delivering messages to the members.

After each day's session, pages may be assigned to work with staff in the committees or other legislative offices. Pages do not work in the delegates' or senators' offices. This work is done by staff members and college interns.

**Expenses and Lodging:**

To cover expenses, each student receives a stipend of \$50 for each day worked. The page must pay for lodging and meals. Lodging is arranged by the Page Office for all pages outside Anne Arundel County who request housing. If an Anne Arundel County page would like to stay in page housing, it is arranged on a space available basis. Pages stay in homes within walking or a short driving distance of the State House. The cost is \$22.00 per night. If a page is going to lodge with family or friends in the Annapolis area, written permission of parents or guardian must be submitted with the application. Transportation is the responsibility of the page.

**Alternates:**

Alternates will be called if the selected pages are unable to serve.

**Applications:**

Application forms are available from your County Page Coordinator, Mrs. Karen L. Crawford, at 301-670-1419, or online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sao/page](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sao/page). The student must complete the application and respond to the questions in part two. There is no limit to the number of students who may apply. Parents must read and sign the parental consent statement. Montgomery County is allowed to submit 14 students and four alternatives to serve. Prior to November 15, 2009, those students who have been selected to be pages or alternates will receive official notification from the Speaker of the House and the President of the Maryland General Assembly. Any questions concerning the selection process should be directed to [Karen\\_L\\_Crawford@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org).

**Student Residents of Maryland Attending Out-of-State Schools or Receiving Their Schooling at Home:**

One "at-large" page position is available for students who reside in Maryland but attend schools outside the state or who receive their schooling at home. To apply, students must contact:

Cornelia C. Watson, Page Coordinator  
Department of Legislative Services  
90 State Circle, Room 311  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Phone: 410-946-5128 Baltimore/Annapolis area; 301-970-5128 Washington area;  
Toll Free 1-800-492-7122 ext. 5128.

The cut-off date for at-large page applications is October 15, 2009. The at-large position will or will not be used each year depending on student response and the applicants' qualifications.