

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

Date: January 10, 2018 to April 9, 2018

Place: Maryland State House, Annapolis, Maryland

Purpose:

Selected high school seniors, who attend public or nonpublic schools within the State of Maryland, will have the opportunity to participate as pages for members of the Maryland General Assembly during the 2018 session. The program is designed to:

- 1) Interest youth in state government, and more specifically, in the proceedings of the legislature.
- 2) Increase participation in government and foster leadership among youth.
- 3) Enable students to provide a vital service to the legislature, while meeting legislators and other officials.

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 must:

- 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 the student attends following any additional requirements or procedures stated by the student's principal or County Page Coordinator. (*Application is based on the school and school system the student attends, not where the student lives.)
- 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.
- 8) Be outgoing and like to meet people.

The Maryland General Assembly does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, creed, marital status, national origin, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability in the admission or access to its programs, services, or activities. Students who are selected to participate will be notified by November 15, 2017, by the President and Speaker of the Maryland General Assembly.

Duties:

Each selected page will serve two nonconsecutive weeks in either the State Senate or the House of Delegates. During the thirteen weeks of session (January to April), each page will serve one week during the first seven weeks and return for his or her second week during the last six.

The duties of the page revolve around the schedule of the chamber to which he or she is assigned. Whenever their house (Senate or House of Delegates) 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) Assisting visitors.
- 5) Delivering messages to the members.

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

Expenses and Lodging:

To cover expenses, each student receives a stipend of \$55 for each day worked. Lodging and meals must be paid by the page. 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. Cost is \$25.00 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 Mrs. Shella B. Cherry, coordinator, student leadership and volunteers at Shella_B_Cherry@mcpsmd.org or 240-994-7494. They can be found online at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-leadership/page-program.aspx> as well. Montgomery County may select 14 pages and 4 alternates. However, there is no limit to the number of students who apply. Any questions concerning the selection progress should be directed to Mrs. Cherry.

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:

Page Coordinator
Department of Legislative Services
90 State Circle, Room 311
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991
Phone: 410-946-5120 Baltimore/Annapolis area; 301-970-5120 Washington area
Toll Free 1-800-492-7122 ext. 5120.
Email: studentprograms@mlis.state.md.us

The deadline for at-large page applications is **October 17, 2017**. The at-large position will or will not be used each year depending on student response and the applicants' qualifications.