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MEMORANDUM

TO: High School Principals

FROM: Gwendolyn J. Mason, Ed.D.
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RE: 2019 Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program

The Department of Student Services would like to share information about the 2019 Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program. Each year, 105 students and 36 alternates are selected by the state's local school systems to participate in the Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program. Each county is allocated a number of pages and alternate appointments based on its Grade 12 student enrollment. Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is allocated 14 pages and 4 alternates.

All high school seniors who are residents of the state of Maryland, age 16 or over, are eligible to apply. Student pages work for two non-consecutive weeks at either the House of Delegates or the Senate in Annapolis. All interested students must complete the electronic application form, which can be accessed at www.pgcps.org/state-page/ and email it to Mr. Richard Moody, Supervisor, Office of Student Engagement and School Support, at rmoody@pgcps.org or students can complete the attached hard copy and mail it to the Office of Student Engagement and School Support, 7711 Livingston Road, Suite 202A, Oxon Hill, MD 20745. Applications are due no later than Friday, October 26, 2018.

Application Deadline: October 26, 2018

The program information and guidance for completing the digital application are attached. It is strongly encouraged that potential pages be enthusiastic about government, politics, law, or community service. Additionally, students should show a demonstrated interest in state government. A screening committee and/or interview panel may be convened if the applicant pool exceeds the number of allocated page positions. The Speaker and President of the Maryland General Assembly will notify all selected students by November 30, 2018.

If you have questions about the program or selection process, please contact Mr. Richard Moody at rmoody@pgcps.org or 301-749-4379.

Thank you for your continued support of the Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program.

Attachments

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| c: | Mr. Christian Rhodes | Ms. Elizabeth Faison |
| | Wesley Watts, Ed.D. | Mrs. Natasha Jones |
| | Kara Libby, Ed.D. | Mr. Richard Moody |
| | Helen Coley, Ed.D. | Mrs. Sandra Rose |
| | Associate Superintendents | Leon Washington, Ph.D. |
| | Adrian B. Talley, Ed.D. | High School Professional School Counselors |
| | Instructional Directors | High School Student Government Advisors |
| | Judith J. White, Ed.D. | High School Social Studies Teacher Coordinators |

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:

Tawana R. Offer, Ph.D.

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Student Page Program for Maryland High School Seniors



REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL
AND YOUR COUNTY IN ANNAPOLIS

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.

2019 Maryland General Assembly Student Page Application Form

DIRECTIONS: 1. Type sections that can be filled in. 2. Print out. 3. Hand write signatures and dates. 4. Submit application, as well as any additional application material required by your county, to your school's Page Program contact person by **October 26, 2018**. For more information, contact your county's Page Program coordinator or Dr. Tawana Offer, Maryland General Assembly Page Coordinator, at 410-946-5125 or Tawana.Offer@mlis.state.md.us.

1. **Name:** _____ **Age:** _____
2. **Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):** / / **Sex (M/F):** _____

3. **Home Address:**

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone: () - **Cell Phone:** () -

Student Email: _____ **Parent Email:** _____

4. **High School Name:**

County School System:

5. I hereby state that I am a 12th grade student at the school identified above and will graduate in June 2019. I promise to abide by all rules and regulations established by the Page Supervisors and understand that I could be dismissed from the program if I do not do so.

Date

Student's Signature (hand written)

6. **Parent/Guardian Permission for Participation**

If selected by the School System Selection Committee, my son/daughter has my permission to participate in the Student Page Program for the Maryland General Assembly. I am aware that this will involve his/her being away from school and in Annapolis for two one-week periods during the legislative session. I also understand that students will be supervised only during working hours within the State House Complex. The Page Supervisors and members/staff of the Maryland General Assembly and the state and local school systems are not responsible for the participants outside actual working hours. In addition, hosts of the homes in which pages and alternates reside during their stay in Annapolis are not responsible for the welfare of the pages and alternates beyond the provision of lodging.

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature (hand written)

7. **Parental Permission for Release of Name/School to the Press and/or use of image on promotional materials, including, but not limited to posters and website content. Please check:** YES NO

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

8. **Exams:** We do not knowingly schedule pages during their exams week. Please designate the week(s) your school will hold exams if it falls during the months of January-April.

Exam Week(s): _____

Does Not Apply:

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 26, 2018.

NOTE: Additional application material may be required by your county and all applications must be legible.

Applicant's Name: _____
(please print)

*Maryland State Page Program
2018 - 2019*

*Resume of Your Qualifications for Participation
Maryland State Page Program*

Below you will find five questions that will give the screening committee a picture of your qualifications. Be sure to limit your answer where word limitations are indicated.

List any courses and/or special programs you have participated in which you feel would help you in qualifying for and serving as a state page.

In 50 words or less single out one of the above courses or special programs and relate specifically how it may help you in serving in Annapolis.

Applicant's Name: _____
(please print)

List any previous leadership roles and/or experiences you have had during your middle/high school years that highlight your demonstrated interest in government. (For example: SGA Rep., class or club officer, outside school positions, etc.) Begin with the most recent experience first.

List any other current extracurricular activities (school or community).

Applicant's Name: _____
(please print)

*Why are you interested in participating in the Maryland State Page Program?
(100 words or less).*

Please attach two letters of recommendation: one recommendation from a teacher whose course you have completed within the past twelve months and a second recommendation from your school counselor. The recommendation from your counselor ***must*** also include verification of your grade point average. Please do not submit additional letters of recommendation unless asked to do so. Your application will be retained on file for one year.