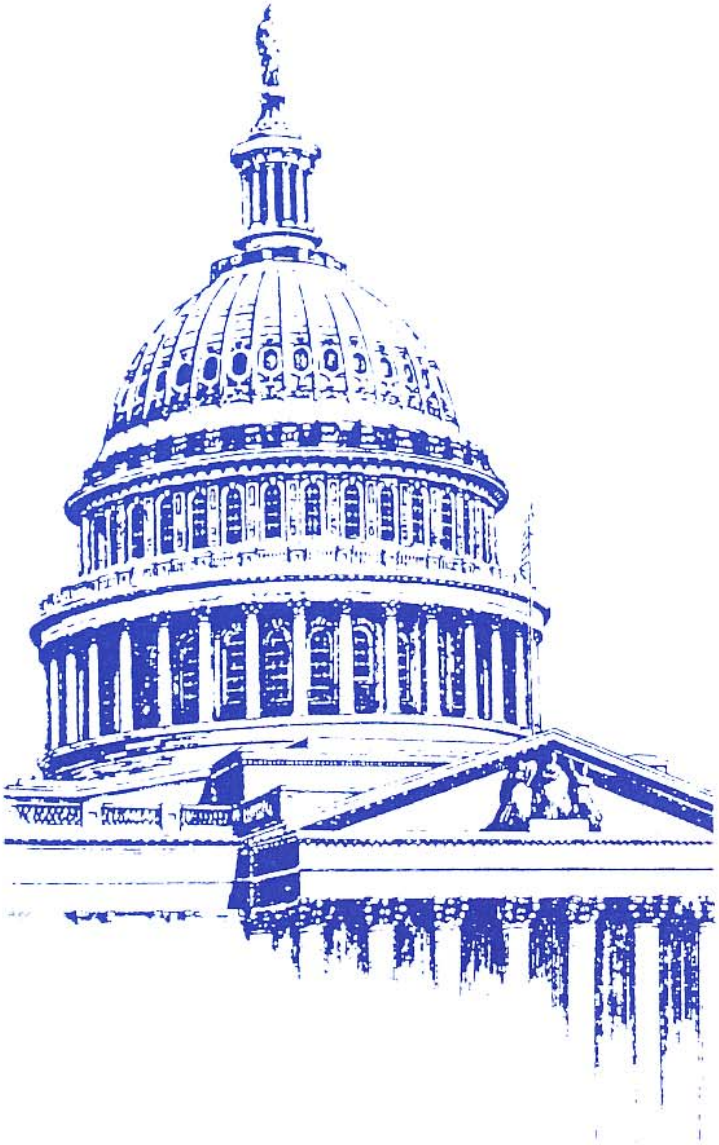
United States Senate



Information on the Page Program

Your interest in the Senate Page Program is a positive indication to us that you are a concerned American citizen with a willingness to learn and contribute significantly to the Legislative branch of our government. Perhaps such an association will crystallize a future for you in service to the United States and its people, as it has for Pages of past generations.

The Page Program exposes students to many interesting and challenging experiences. Living away from home and attending school with students from across the country allows Pages to experience a myriad of new ideas, perspectives, and issues. Pages meet some of the Nation's most prominent leaders and witness firsthand the political debates of the United States Senate, often referred to as the "greatest deliberative body in the world."

Pages play an important role in the daily operation of the Senate. Their schedule can be long and tedious, and requires tremendous endurance; good health and stamina are requirements which can not be waived.

Page eligibility is limited to juniors in high school who will be 16 or 17 years old on or before the date of appointment. The Page Program requires each Page to provide a certificate of immunization and general health assessment completed by a licensed physician. Pages must be covered by health insurance; if not covered, they will be required to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Page duties consist primarily of delivery of correspondence and legislative material within the Congressional Complex. Other duties include taking messages for Members, calling them to the phone, preparing the Chamber for Senate sessions, and carrying bills and amendments to the desk. A rotation system is practiced so that every Page has an opportunity to experience all areas of service.

Pages are paid on the basis of an annual salary of $19,809. Pages must be citizens of the United States or subject to agreements of the Department of State, and must have a social security number.

A Page's day begins at 6:15 a.m. when he or she reports to the United States Senate Page School. The Senate Page School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The Page School seeks to provide as smooth a transition as possible between Washington and the home school. In addition to providing the necessary requisites for a junior year course of study including mathematics, English, social studies, and science, the Page School offers a Field Studies Program to assure each pupil's participation and exposure to the unique educational and cultural opportunities which exist in the nation's Capital. Foreign language study may be accomplished with the assistance of the Page's home school. Tutors will be provided, but all work must be completed outside the scheduled school and work hours.

The school year consists of two semesters. The first semester runs from September through mid-January; the second from mid-January until June. Pages must verify a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a home school transcript and a certification of immunization to qualify for attendance at the school.

The Senate Page School is located on the lower level of Webster Hall, the Senate Page Residence. Any questions specific to the Page School should be directed to Mrs. Kathryn Weeden, Principal, United States Senate Page School, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-7248, telephone (202) 224-3926.

Following classes at the Page School, which extend until 9:45 a.m. or one hour prior to the commencement of the Senate, Pages report for duty to their respective Cloakrooms and work until 6:00 p.m. or until the Senate adjourns for the day. If the Senate is not in session, the Pages' work day ends at 4:00 p.m. When sessions extend past 10:00 p.m., the next day's classes may be postponed.

Pages are required to live in the Daniel Webster Senate Page Residence during the school year. The cost of living in the residence hall is $600 per month and includes breakfast and dinner each day. Payment is made through payroll deduction. An initial security deposit of $250 is required before checking in and is refundable when it has been determined that no damage has occurred to the residence.

Webster Hall is located two blocks from the Hart Senate Office Building. Staff includes the Program Director, Administrative Aide and five proctors. Four proctors reside full-time in Webster Hall. The living quarters include two floors, one of which is designated for young women, the other for young men. Each floor has a community day room for social activity.

Pages must share rooms with each other. Each room is designed for four to six occupants and is furnished with twin size bunk or loft style beds, desks, chairs, and bureaus. Each room has closet space, a private bathroom, and a telephone. Laundry and kitchen facilities are located within the building.

United States Capitol Police maintain a 24-hour security desk and a provision that requires all individuals to present identification and all visitors and guests to sign in. Capitol Police patrol the area by car and foot regularly throughout the day and night. Webster Hall is monitored by a security alarm system and all emergency and safety measures required by the District of Columbia for community life structures are present and enforced.

Dress requirements for males are a navy blue suit, a white long-sleeve shirt, plain navy tie, black laced shoes and dark socks. Females wear a navy blue pant suit, a white long-sleeve shirt, black laced shoes and dark socks. The Page Program provides uniforms for Pages.

Senate Pages must be sponsored by a Senator. There are thirty Page positions in the United States Senate which serve its one hundred Members; therefore, not all Senators are able to appoint Pages. Due to the limited number of positions and the volume of interested students, competition is keen and, unfortunately, not all students who seek a position can be accommodated.

Senators also may appoint students for the Summer Page Program. This program typically consists of two sessions each running three or four weeks depending upon the legislative calendar. Since space is limited in Webster Hall, Pages may live with their parents or a relative in the area; alternate housing arrangements must be submitted in writing by a parent or legal guardian for approval by the Page Program Director. Commuter Pages do not pay the Webster Hall fees; therefore, they do not participate in the meal plan or Webster Hall field trips and activities.

If you are interested in applying for a Senate Page position and you meet the requirements of junior status, 3.0 GPA, and 16 or 17 years of age, you should write a letter to your Senators requesting their consideration and asking what steps you should take in order to apply. When and if you are notified of your selection to serve as a Page, you will be furnished with further information and requirements of the program.

Questions regarding the Page Program or Webster Hall should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Roach, Director, United States Senate Page Program, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-7248, telephone (202) 228-1291.

Thank you for your interest in the United States Senate Page Program. We wish you success in your future endeavors.

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