



# The House PAGE

Since 1891, young people from across the state have come to Olympia to serve as pages for the Washington State House of Representatives.

Paging presents students with a unique educational opportunity to participate in the legislative process. Selection as a page is a great honor.

Page duties are varied. They range from ceremonial tasks such as presenting the flags to operational chores like distributing amendments during legislative sessions. Each job is vital to the efficient operation of the Legislature.

As the week-long experience draws to a close and pages return to their schools and communities, it is hoped that pages will share their experiences and observations with others in an effort to contribute to a more universal understanding of the legislative process.

## Requirements

To serve as a page for the House of Representatives, a student must:

- Have permission from a parent or guardian
- Have permission from current school and current year
- Be sponsored by a member of the House of Representatives
- Be 14 – 16 years old  
(Pages must turn 14 prior to their scheduled week and must not turn 17 during their scheduled week)

Due to the large volume of applications received, pages are allowed to serve one time only in either the House or the Senate.

## The Work Week and Orientation

Pages must attend a two-hour page orientation on the Sunday afternoon immediately preceding the scheduled work week. The scheduled work week begins the next day, Monday, and extends through the following Friday. Daily work hours begin at 7:30 am and last until 5:00 pm.

## Page School

Pages spend two hours each day in a classroom setting learning the legislative process. The Pages discover how a bill becomes a law, writes their own bill, and participates in a mock hearing.

## Clothing

The House of Representatives will provide pages with jackets. Pages must bring the following clothing to be worn each day:

- White shirt with black tie (for boys), or white blouse with a collar (for girls). Shirts must be tucked in. T-shirts, sweatshirts, or bare midriffs are not acceptable.
- Black slacks or black mid-knee length or longer skirts. Black jeans, corduroy-pants, spandex, leggings, baggy pants, or low-rise pants are not acceptable. Excessively tight or short skirts are not acceptable.
- Black shoes and black socks. All-black tennis shoes are acceptable.
- Outlandish hairstyles and facial piercings should be avoided. The acceptability of hairstyles and piercings is at the sole discretion of the Page Supervisor.

## Housing and Transportation

Pages are responsible for their own housing and transportation arrangements. The House of Representatives will provide a list of available private housing at the time of employment confirmation.

## Employment Information

Applicants who have been selected to serve as pages will be provided with written employment confirmation. Approximately three to four weeks before your start date, a packet addressing everything you need to know about paging will be sent. The packet includes a Page Handbook, the forms that must be completed prior to employment as a page, and a list of private host homes for your stay in Olympia.

Pages earn \$35 per day for each day worked. A check will be mailed to your home 2-4 weeks after you have completed your week of paging.

## Questions

If you have questions or need this application in an alternate format, please contact the House of Representatives at the address and telephone numbers provided below:

**House of Representatives**  
P.O. Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

(360) 786-7758 (November – April)  
House Page Supervisor  
(360) 786-7750  
Chief Clerk's Office



# House Page Application – (Please mail to your Representative for sponsorship)

## PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Have you paged before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Daytime Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the applicant require housing while in Olympia?  
 Yes  No

Applicant's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your Sponsoring State Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_

To find the State Representatives for your legislative district, go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder> and fill in the District Finder.

\*Weeks you CANNOT page (final exams, testing, sports, family obligations, etc.):

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\*Please give this section careful consideration.  
We cannot reschedule you if you cancel.

## Recommendations

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher/Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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I recommend this applicant for the position of **PAGE** in the Washington State House of Representatives during the upcoming session.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member, Washington State House of Representatives

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Process

- Completely fill out this application
- Obtain required signatures and recommendations from your school. *Signatures must be from the current school year.*
- Mail the completed application to a Representative from your legislative district for sponsorship

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Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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