



What will I do in Page School?

Pages spend two hours each day in page school learning about the legislative process. Students will write their own bills and debate them in a mock committee hearing. The page school curriculum is designed to help students understand what they are seeing and hearing on the senate floor and in their daily activities.

The Legislature employs a certified and assistant teacher with experience teaching civics and social studies. They bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to the Page School program.

What are the requirements?

The Senate receives hundreds of page applications each year. Though we would like to accept all who apply, there are limited openings. The requirements are:

- ✓ Parent's/guardian's permission
- ✓ School's permission/recommendation
- ✓ Senate sponsor
- ✓ Social security card
- ✓ Be at least 14 years of age and have not reached your 17th birthday.



How do I become a Senate Page?

It's simple, just go online, print the senate page application, fill in the application to include all recommendations, and mail it to your senator.

Here is how to find your senator's name and address:

- ✓ Call the Legislative Information Center Hotline at 800-562-6000
- ✓ Online at: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>

Where can I get more information and an application?

Learn more about the Washington State Legislature and the Senate Page Program at: <http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Administration/PageProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

Page application: <http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Administration/PageProgram/Pages/senpageapplication.aspx>

For questions regarding the Senate Page Program:

- Phone: (360) 786-7016
- E-mail: SenatePageProgram@leg.wa.gov

For questions regarding Page School:

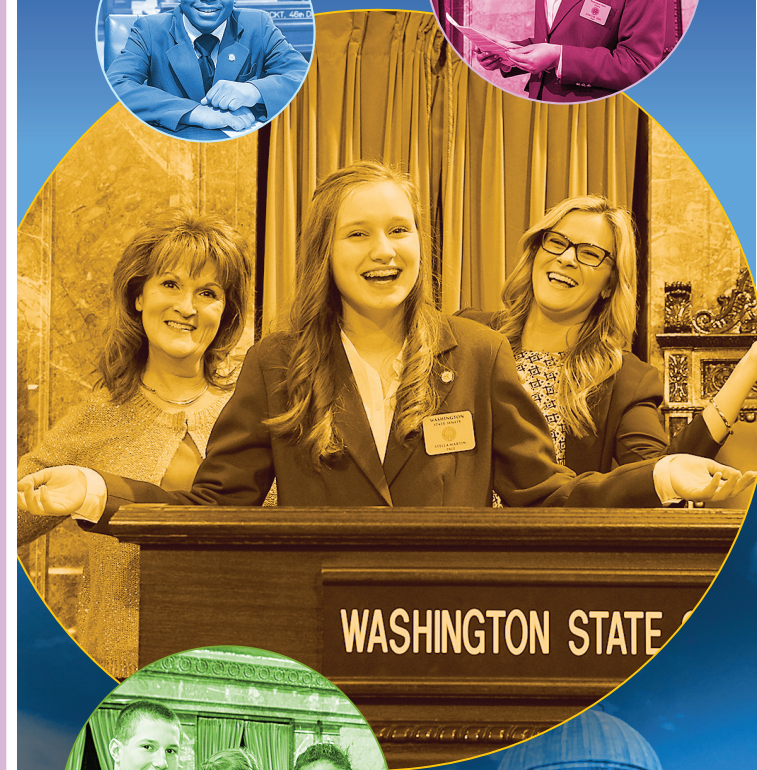
- Phone: (360) 786-7987
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Thank you for your interest in the Senate Page Program.



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The Washington State Senate Page Program





"This week as a page has been a great experience that I highly recommend to anyone interested. Being so involved in the governing process has brought me knowledge and experience that I couldn't have received anywhere else. Government regulates our lives every day. If you don't like what they're doing, you can get involved and start making a difference."

— Haley, 2015

What is the Senate Page Program?

The Washington State Legislature has one of the finest page programs in the country. Hundreds of students throughout Washington State have an opportunity each year to take part in the legislative process and observe the Legislature and other branches of state government in action.

During each week of the legislative session, approximately 20-30 students ages 14 to 16 from across the state serve as senate pages. Their contribution provides a valuable service to the State of Washington!



What will I do as a Page?

It is an honor to be selected as a senate page. If you are selected, you can look forward to a fun and educational experience. Pages will meet a variety of people who help make and administer laws; including legislators, department heads, Supreme Court Justices and support personnel.

Senate pages are a helping hand during legislative sessions, which run from January through March or April. Pages perform many tasks and various projects that allow senators and staff to focus on legislative duties. Daily tasks may include delivering documents, picking up supplies, attending page school, and serving on the senate floor.

Will I work on the Senate floor?

Yes, working on the senate floor is the most visible job you will do as a senate page. You are observed by the Senators, officials, staff, and senate guests. Once in the chamber, you will be photographed by TV cameras which broadcast throughout the state on TVW. It will be an exciting, educational, and fun experience that you will never forget!



When will I work?

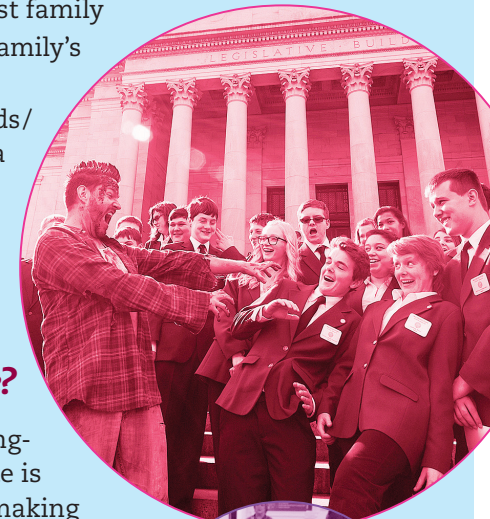
Pages work Monday through Friday and receive a stipend for the days worked. All senate pages are paid \$35 per day for each day worked.

Money paid to pages is used for expenses and many schools allow some of the hours to qualify as community service time.

Where will I stay?

During your stay in Olympia, you will meet people from all over the state, and have an opportunity to make new and lasting friendships. If you cannot commute from home, some other housing options may be:

- ✓ A page host family
- ✓ A friend/family's home
- ✓ With friends/family in a hotel



I have a disability. Will I be able to page?

Yes, the Washington State Senate is committed to making legislative activities and facilities accessible to all people. The Legislature has taken steps to ensure that individuals with disabilities have full access to legislative activities, programs, and services. Please call the page supervisor and the page school teacher to discuss your special needs before you arrive.

