



## Virginia House of Delegates Page Program FAQs

### General Information

#### What is a "day in the life" of a House Page?

- The General Assembly convenes annually on the second Wednesday in January and meets for 46 days in odd years and 60 days in even years.
- House Pages work 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday. Pages may leave at 12:00 PM on Fridays in order to travel home.
- House Pages work various jobs including assisting delegates and the House of Delegates Clerk's Office staff, running errands, answering phones, and other general office duties.
- House Pages reside at the Omni Hotel with chaperones, which is paid for by the House of Delegates Clerk's Office.

#### How old do I have to be to apply?

- An applicant must be 13 or 14 years old by the start of the General Assembly Session, which convenes annually on the second Wednesday in January.

#### What are other application requirements besides age?

- Completed application.
- Applicants must reside in one of the 100 House of Delegates districts and not have served as a Senate of Virginia Page or Messenger.
- Essay on why you want to serve as a House Page.
- Authorization from your principal, teachers, and guidance counselor.
- Endorsement letter from your House of Delegates member.
- If you apply to be a House Page do not plan vacations and activities during the General Assembly session as House Pages are unable to participate in sports or organized activities that would require absence from the House Page Program.

#### Who selects the applicants to be House Pages?

- The Speaker of the House of Delegates selects the House Pages and strives to appoint a diverse group of students while maintaining a geographical balance.

#### When is the application available?

- The online application is available August 1st.
- Please follow the directions carefully as you can only apply online for the House Page Program.

## How long do you serve as a House Page?

- Depending on the appointment year, House Pages follow the General Assembly session, which meets for 46 days in odd years and 60 days in even years.
- House Pages begin their employment the Sunday before the General Assembly convenes.
- House Pages work 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday. Pages may leave at 12:00 PM on Fridays in order to travel home.
- There is no weekend work.

## Do House Pages have any down time?

- Yes. The House of Delegates Clerk's Office also sponsors and schedules educational field trips and events that may include visiting local museums and historical sites, the Page Debate, and study hall each night from 7-9 PM.

## Do I still go to school?

- House Pages do not attend school, yet are responsible for coordinating and maintaining communication with their teachers, guidance counselor, and principal in order to complete all required and assigned school work during their employment as a House Page.
- Absenteeism for Pages is addressed in 8VAC20-110-40 and 8VAC20-110-50 of the Virginia Administrative Code.
- Study hall from 7-9 PM each night is also accompanied by a Page Tutor who is available to help with school work.

## Do House Pages get paid?

- Yes. The base pay is \$145 per week (direct deposit is issued semi-monthly). House Pages also receive an expense allowance for meals and incidentals of \$125 per week (direct deposit is issued weekly).

## When am I able to go home?

- House Pages reside in the Omni Hotel with chaperones during their employment and go home on Friday afternoon and return to the Omni Hotel on Sunday evening.

## Does the Senate of Virginia have a Page Program?

- Yes. Go to <http://capclass.virginiageneralassembly.gov/PagePrograms/PagePrograms.html> for information.

**For additional questions about the House of Delegates Page Program please contact Kathryn Pond, Virginia House of Delegates Information Officer and Page Program Manager at (804) 698-1502 or our Page Program email at [housepagesupervisor@house.virginia.gov](mailto:housepagesupervisor@house.virginia.gov).**