

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STUDENT PAGE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Date: January 14, 2026 to April 13, 2026

Place: Maryland State House, Annapolis, Maryland

Purpose

Selected high school seniors, who attend public or nonpublic schools within the State of Maryland, will have the opportunity to participate as Pages for members of the Maryland General Assembly during the 2024 session. The program is designed to:

- 1) Interest youth in state government, and more specifically, in the proceedings of the legislature.
- 2) Increase participation in government and foster leadership among youth.
- 3) Enable students to provide a vital service to the legislature, while meeting legislators and other officials.

Qualifications

The MGA Page Program is non-patronage and non-partisan. Senior class students, who are at least 16 years of age, attend a Maryland public or nonpublic high school, and who are residents within the State of Maryland, are eligible to apply. We have a limited number of slots for Pages and Alternates. Because the Page Program is non-partisan, we prefer that students who wish to apply to work, in a partisan position, directly with an MGA member or an MGA staff person, choose to apply to *either* that position **or** the position of Page *and not both*. This would allow us to extend participation in the Page Program to a broader number of students.

(*See note regarding student residents of Maryland who attend out-of-state schools or who receive their schooling at home.) Each applicant must:

- 1) Complete the application form, being certain that a parent or guardian signs the bottom of the application.
- 2) Submit the application to the high school the student attends, or the County Page Coordinator, following any additional requirements or procedures stated by the student's high school or County Page Coordinator. See the County Coordinator for the application deadline. (**Application is based on the school and school system the student attends, not where the student lives.*)
- 3) Have or obtain a social security number.
- 4) Exhibit an interest in government and history.
- 5) Have a record of good conduct. Be competent, courteous, and reliable.
- 6) Have an average or above average scholastic record.
- 7) Wear appropriate dress and exhibit good personal grooming.
- 8) Be outgoing and like to meet people.

The Maryland General Assembly does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, creed, marital status, national origin, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability in the admission or access to its programs, services, or activities. Students who are selected to participate should be notified by **November 14, 2025**, by the President and the Speaker of the Maryland General Assembly.

Duties

Each selected Page will serve two non-consecutive weeks in either the State Senate or the House of Delegates. During the thirteen weeks of session (January to April), each Page will serve one week during the first seven weeks and return for a second week during the last six.

The duties of the Page revolve around the schedule of the chamber to which they are assigned. Whenever their chamber (Senate or House of Delegates) is in session, Pages must be present. Duties include:

- 1) Preparing the chambers for sessions
- 2) Distributing materials on the floor to the members.
- 3) Running errands.
- 4) Assisting visitors.
- 5) Delivering messages to the members.

After each day's session, Pages may be assigned additional work in the legislative chambers or committee rooms. Pages do not work in the senators' or delegates' offices. This work is done by staff members and college interns.

Expenses and Lodging

Lodging is arranged by the MGA Page Office for all Pages outside Anne Arundel County who request housing. If an Anne Arundel County Page would like to stay in Page housing, it is arranged on a space available basis. Pages stay in homes within walking or a short driving distance of the State House. **The Page Program pays the cost of housing directly to the housing providers.** If a Page is going to lodge with family or friends in the Annapolis area, written permission of parents or guardian must be submitted. In addition, **upon your arrival, students will be provided a meal card /voucher**, worth *approximately \$50.00 per day worked*, to use at local restaurants to cover meals for the week. Transportation to and from Annapolis is the responsibility of the Page.

Alternates

Alternates will be called if selected Pages are unable to serve.

Applications

Application forms are available in each school or from your County Page Coordinator. Any questions concerning the selection process for your county should be directed to your County Page Coordinator.

***Student residents of Maryland attending out-of-state schools or receiving their schooling at home**

One "At-large" Page position is available for students who reside in Maryland but attend schools outside the state or who receive their schooling at home. To apply, students must contact:

Tawana R. Offer, Ph.D.
MGA Page Coordinator
Email: Tawana.Offer@mga.maryland.gov

The deadline for At-large Page applications is October 17, 2025. The At-large position may or may not be used each year depending on student response and the applicants' qualifications.