UNITED STATES SENATE

PAGE PROGRAM

The United States Senate Page Program introduces students to interesting and challenging experiences. Living away from home with students from across the country allows pages to experience a myriad of new ideas, perspectives, and issues. Pages meet some of our 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 shared responsibilities consist primarily of delivering correspondence and legislative material within the Capitol and Senate office buildings, taking messages for senators or calling them to the phone, preparing the Chamber for Senate sessions, and carrying bills and amendments to the desk.

At 6:15 a.m. pages report to the United States Senate Page School, which is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The Page School provides as smooth a transition as possible between Washington and the school at home. 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 student's participation in and exposure to the unique educational and cultural opportunities in the nation's capital. Foreign language study may be accomplished with the assistance of the page's school at home.

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

Following classes, which extend until 9:45 a.m. or one hour prior to the convening of the Senate, pages report to work in the Capitol 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. Pages are paid on an annual salary basis of $25,605.

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 $780 per month and includes two meals each day. Payment is made through payroll deduction. A 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 on Capitol Hill. 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 females, the other for males. Each floor has a community day room for social activity. Laundry and kitchen facilities are provided within the building. Page rooms are designed for four to six occupants and furnished with twin size bunk or loft style beds, desks, chairs, and bureaus. Each room has closet space, a bathroom, and a telephone. Pages may not have cell phones while serving as a page.

United States Capitol Police maintain a 24 hour security post in Webster Hall, where all individuals must present identification and all visitors must sign in with the police officer. Capitol Police patrol the neighborhood 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.

Senate pages must be sponsored by a senator. There are 30 page positions that serve the 100 members of the United States Senate; therefore, not all senators are able to sponsor pages.

Senators may select students to serve during the summer sessions in June and July. The sessions typically last 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 the parents or legal guardian for approval by the director.

Students who wish to apply for a Senate page position and meet the eligibility requirements listed here should write to their senators and request to be considered for a position. Senators' offices may provide additional information on their application requirements. After a student has been selected to serve as a page, further information about the program will be made available.

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On the front of the brochure: Senate page boys stage their first snow battle on the Capitol plaza
Photo taken between 1909 and 1932
Courtesy of the Library of Congress

The border of the brochure: The Frieze of American History in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol
Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol

PAGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Junior in high school
- 3.0 or higher GPA
- 16 or 17 years old on the date of appointment
- Citizen of the United States

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