

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Who can serve as a House Page?

High school students between the ages of 15 and 18 or those currently in the ninth grade. Students must be in good standing with their schools and be sponsored by a Member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

- What does a House Page do?

House Pages attend and work the House daily sessions and committee meetings, perform miscellaneous office duties and run errands for the Members and staff.

- Will I only work for the Member who is sponsoring me?

No. Pages do not shadow any one Member. All Pages for the week work together as a team to serve all 120 members of the House and the staff.

- Do Pages serve year-round?

No. Pages serve only when the North Carolina General Assembly is in session. In odd-numbered years, the legislature is in long session (January through July) and in even-numbered years the legislature is in short session (May through July). However, there is no set adjournment date so the length of sessions can vary.

- **Where do I get an application?**

Applications may be obtained **online**, from a Member of the North Carolina House of Representatives or from the House Page Supervisor.

- **After I complete my application, what do I do?**

Ask a Member of the North Carolina House to sponsor you. After getting approval, send the completed application (including photo and social security number) to the Representative to sign. (The Representative's address is on the application form.)

The Representative will continue the application process by submitting the application to the House Page Supervisor to begin the appointment process.

- **When will I know if I have been appointed and what date I will serve?**

An appointment letter will be mailed to you within two weeks after the application has been delivered to the House Page Office. The date of service will be indicated in the appointment letter. If you do not receive a letter within two weeks, please contact your sponsoring Representative's office or the House Page Office to check on the status of your application.

- What do I do after I receive an appointment?

You will receive important information you need to **read immediately** along with the appointment letter. The following things are the very important to do.

- Confirm you are able to serve the week you have been appointed by returning the yellow postcard in the appointment packet to the House Page Supervisor. If you are unable to serve the week you are appointed but would like to serve another week, call the House Page Supervisor to arrange another date.
- Make your housing accommodations with a House Page host family, friend or relative. It is your responsibility to make all lodging arrangements. If you are planning on staying with a House Page host family, make arrangements **immediately** after receiving your appointment because space is limited and accommodations are not guaranteed.
- Complete the forms in the appointment packet and put them in a place where you will be able to find them when you come to Raleigh. **Do not send the forms by mail** to the House Page Supervisor, Speaker, or your Representative. Bring them with you on the Monday you report for work to the House Page Office.
- Plan your wardrobe. A strict dress code is enforced. The guidelines are included in the application and appointment forms.

- **Where do I report for work?**

Report to the House Page Office, Room 1329, Legislative Office Building, 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina at 1:30 p.m., on the Monday of the week you are to serve, for check-in. Orientation begins promptly at 2:00 p.m.

- **Where do I park when reporting for work?**

Enclosed in your appointment packet is a map of the public parking lots located around the Legislative Building. Lot #1 is the closest lot. Pages are allowed to pull to the curb in front of the Legislative Building to unload their luggage. However, no parking is permitted.

- **Where do I take my luggage if I am staying with a host family?**

Bring your luggage to the House Page Office. It will be secured until the host family meets you that evening.

- What do I do with the forms I received in the appointment packet?

Bring the completed forms to the House Page Office on the Monday you report for work. Make sure you have completed all of them and have had the Health Consent Form notarized, if applicable.

- Why do I have to fill out all of these forms?

The forms are necessary to ensure that the House Page Supervisor and the host family know necessary information about the Page in case of a medical or non-medical situation.

- What happens to the forms when I give them to the House Page Supervisor?

If a Page is staying with a host family, the original copy of the Health Consent and Host Family Permission forms are given to the host family. Copies of the Health Consent form and the other forms are kept on file in the House Page Office. The forms for Pages not staying with a host family are kept on file in the House Page Office.

- **How do I know if I will be safe staying with a House Page host family?**

The House Page Supervisor and staff do everything possible to provide a safe environment for Pages while working at the General Assembly.

- Host families are carefully interviewed and their homes are visited to ensure safety.
- Rules require one bed and one seatbelt per Page.
- Cleanliness and appropriate bathroom accommodations are also required.
- Each host family is responsible for having the proper smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Criminal background checks are conducted for each adult living in the home.
- Evaluations are done weekly by the Pages staying with host families in order to ensure regulations are being followed.

The host family is responsible for the safety of the Pages during nonworking hours. They provide lodging, transportation to and from the General Assembly, and nutritious meals (breakfasts and dinners) during the Page's stay.

- **How much does it cost to stay with a House Page host family?**

Host families charge \$100 cash for each Page. Hosts are paid on Monday night. Please do not send an advanced payment or plan to pay them later. The House Page Supervisor does not handle any money for the host families.

- **When will I meet my host family?**

You will meet your host family on Monday evening after Session is over. They will meet you and take you and your luggage to their home along with any other Pages staying with them for the week.

- **If I am staying with a House Page host family, may I drive my own car?**

Yes. However, host families have different rules about Pages' personal vehicles and you will need to discuss this with your host family before coming to Raleigh.

- **What happens if my plans change?**

Sometimes things happen that change our plans. If that happens to you, please contact the House Page Supervisor and the host family, if applicable, to let them know.

- **Do I get paid?**

Yes. Pages are paid a stipend of \$150 for the week they serve. This is a reimbursement for expenses and no taxes are taken out. Checks are sent by mail within two weeks after the last day worked. If Pages do not work the entire week, the pay is prorated.

- **Can I receive community service?**

Yes. Pages can receive 30 hours of community service in lieu of the \$150 stipend. However, it is the responsibility of the Pages to check with their schools to make sure the House Page Program is eligible.

- **Can I put my House Page experience on my college application?**

Yes.

- **How much spending money should I bring with me?**

That is a personal choice. Pages are responsible for any snacks and meals during the work day. Lunches in the cafeteria range from \$7 to \$10 and \$5 to \$7 in the snack bar.

Pages staying with a host family may need additional money for entertainment and shopping. Host families are responsible for providing breakfasts and dinners during the Pages' stay.

If you have additional questions, please contact
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