

# North Carolina

# HOUSE PAGE

## Program

**The North Carolina House Page Program offers youth from across the State the opportunity to see firsthand how laws are made by participating in the legislative process.**

**Young men and women participate in daily sessions, committee meetings and perform other duties. Their participation is vital to the operation of the General Assembly.**

### ▶ Application Procedures

A student may write or telephone their Representative and request sponsorship and an application to serve as a Page. After the application is completed, it is returned to the Representative for his or her signature.

### ▶ Appointment Procedures

Appointments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. When a young person is selected to serve as a Page during a particular week, the Speaker of the House will send a letter notifying the student of the appointment and additional information about serving as a Page.

### ▶ Work Schedule

Pages report to the House Page Office on Monday of the week they are to serve at 1:30 p.m. They will be on duty Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. During weeks with holidays, Pages will be notified the week prior to serving if there is a change in the regular schedule.

### ▶ Participant Requirements

To serve as a House Page, a student must:

- have permission from a parent or guardian;
- be between the ages of 15 and 18 (or currently be in the ninth grade);
- be in good academic standing at their schools and have prior approval of the principal if serving during the school year; and
- be sponsored by a member of the House of Representatives.

### ▶ Dress Code

Appropriate business attire is required of all House Pages. Young men are required to wear dress slacks, coats and ties at all times they are on duty. Young women must wear dresses, pantsuits, dress slacks or skirts with blouses. Flat, comfortable shoes are preferred. Pages are sent a detailed description of appropriate dress when they are appointed to serve. Any Page who does not comply with the dress code will not be allowed to participate and could be sent home.

### ▶ Accommodations

It is the responsibility of the Page's parent or guardian to make lodging arrangements prior to coming to Raleigh. Pages may stay with family, friends or host families. Host families provide lodging, breakfast, dinner, and transportation at a cost of \$100 per week.

### ▶ Compensation

Pages are paid a stipend of \$150 per week to help pay expenses or in lieu of payment, receive 30 hours of community service in accordance with their school's community service policy.

### QUESTIONS?

*If you have any questions about the House Page Program, please contact the House Page Supervisor, Bonnie Trivette, at (919) 733-5701 or [hps@ncleg.net](mailto:hps@ncleg.net).*