

Information Sheet on Serving as a Page - The Alabama Legislature offers a unique opportunity for young people to participate in the legislative process through its Legislative Page Program.

Pages must be between the ages of 12-18. They assist each house of the Legislature during its sessions. Like so many other facets of the legislative process in Alabama, the use of Pages is a legacy of the British Parliamentary system. Pages have played an integral role in the Alabama Legislature since the early 19th Century.

The duties of a Page are varied, but normally consist of assisting the Members of the House and Senate, and certain staff members, by performing errands on the floor of each house and during committee meetings. These errands usually include obtaining copies of bills, resolutions, amendments, substitutes and other official documents, as well as delivering messages to and from Members. Therefore, Pages are provided the rare privilege to work on the floor of the House or Senate, in the midst of legislative action.

The Senate Page Coordinator will supervise the work of the Pages employed in the Senate.

In addition to being afforded the ability to play an active role in the legislative process, service as a Page allows the student to meet other young men and young ladies from around the state.

In order to become a Page, one must be sponsored by a Member of the House or Senate.

The first step toward this goal is to express to your parents or legal guardian your desire to become a Legislative Page. If they agree, they can contact your House Member or Senator about sponsorship.

In addition, since most of the sessions of the Legislature are held during the school year, potential Pages must be excused from their schoolwork for the three-day period in which they will be serving at the State House.

Therefore, the process for becoming a Page is three-fold:

1. Express your desire to be a Page to your parents, parent or legal guardian and obtain their consent.
2. Have your parents, parent or legal guardian contact your House Member or Senator about sponsorship of you as either a House Page or Senate Page.
3. If your House Member or Senator agrees to sponsor you, permission must be obtained from your school for you to be excused for the three days you will be working as a Page.

Once sponsored and properly enrolled, each Page works for a three-day period (normally Tuesday - Thursday) and become temporary employees of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, for the week in which they serve.

The parents, parent or legal guardian of a Page is responsible for arranging for lodging for the Page. In addition, Pages should bring with them sufficient money for the purchase of all meals during their stay in Montgomery.

Once sponsored, the Page will be sent instructions on when and where to report for work. The Page Coordinator for the appropriate body in which the Page will be employed, will provide an orientation for Pages, upon arrival, and will fully supervise Pages during working hours.

Prospective Pages should be aware that a dress code applies to all Members and Staff of the Alabama Legislature. Pages must comply with such dress code while at the State House.

For young men, the dress code calls for dress pants with a coat & tie, and dress shoes. For young ladies, the dress code allows dresses, suits, skirts with blouse and blazer/jacket, and slack suits. Dress shoes should also be worn. Mini-skirts, sun-back dresses and dresses with the back out are not allowed. Tennis shoes and denim are not allowed for Pages.

To begin the process to serve as a page, email my assistant in Montgomery, Hope Brasell at [hope.moore@alsenate.gov](mailto:hope.moore@alsenate.gov).