MEMORANDUM

TO: High School Principals

FROM: Gwendolyn J. Mason, Ed.D.
Chief, Division of Special Education and Student Services

RE: 2020 Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program

The Department of Student Services would like to share information about the 2020 Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program. Each year, 105 students and 36 alternates are selected by the state’s local school systems to participate in the Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program. Each county is allocated a number of page and alternate appointments based on its Grade 12 student enrollment. Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) is allocated 14 pages and 4 alternates.

All high school seniors who are residents of the state of Maryland, age 16 or over, are eligible to apply. Student pages work for two non-consecutive weeks at either the House of Delegates or the Senate in Annapolis. All interested students must complete the electronic application form, which can be accessed at www.pgcps.org/state-page/, and email it to Mr. Richard Moody, Supervisor, Office of Student Engagement and School Support, at rmoody@pgcps.org; or, students can complete the attached hard copy and mail it to the Office of Student Engagement and School Support, 7711 Livingston Road, Suite “K”, Oxon Hill, MD 20745. Applications are due no later than Friday, October 25, 2019.

Application Deadline: October 25, 2019

The program information and guidance for completing the digital application are attached. It is strongly encouraged that potential pages be enthusiastic about government, law, politics, proceedings of the legislature, community service, and leadership among youth. Additionally, students should show a demonstrated interest in state government. A screening committee and/or interview panel may be convened if the applicant pool exceeds the number of allocated page positions. The Speaker and President of the Maryland General Assembly will notify all selected students by November 15, 2019.

If you have questions about the program or selection process, please contact Mr. Richard Moody at rmoody@pgcps.org or 301-749-4379. Thank you for your continued support of the Maryland General Assembly Student Page Program.

Attachments

c: Helen Coley, Ed.D.   Natasha Jones, Ph.D.
Kara Miley-Libby, Ed.D.  Ms. Sandra Rose
Carletta Marrow, Ed.D.  Leon Washington, Ph.D.
Charoscar Coleman, Ed.D.  Mr. Richard Moody
Edward Ryans, Ed.D.   High School Professional School Counselors
Ms. Elizabeth Faison  High School Student Government Advisors
Ms. Trinell Bowman  High School Social Studies Teacher Coordinators
Judith J. White, Ed.D.
2020 Maryland General Assembly Student Page Application Form

DIRECTIONS: 1. Type sections that can be filled in. 2. Print out. 3. Hand write signatures and dates. 4. Submit application, as well as any additional application material required by your county, to your school’s Page Program contact person by October 25, 2019. For more information, contact your county’s Page Program coordinator or Dr. Tawana Offer, Maryland General Assembly Page Coordinator, at 410-946-5125 or Tawana.Offer@mlis.state.md.us.

1. Name: Age:

2. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): / / Sex (M/F):

3. Home Address:
   City: State: Zip Code:
   Home Phone: ( ) - Cell Phone: ( ) -
   Student Email: Parent Email:

4. High School Name:
   County School System:

5. I hereby state that I am a 12th grade student at the school identified above and will graduate in June 2019. I promise to abide by all rules and regulations established by the Page Supervisors and understand that I could be dismissed from the program if I do not do so.

   Date Student’s Signature (hand written)

6. Parent/Guardian Permission for Participation
   If selected by the School System Selection Committee, my son/daughter has my permission to participate in the Student Page Program for the Maryland General Assembly. I am aware that this will involve his/her being away from school and in Annapolis for two one-week periods during the legislative session. I also understand that students will be supervised only during working hours within the State House Complex. The Page Supervisors and members/staff of the Maryland General Assembly and the state and local school systems are not responsible for the participants outside actual working hours. In addition, hosts of the homes in which pages and alternates reside during their stay in Annapolis are not responsible for the welfare of the pages and alternates beyond the provision of lodging.

   Date Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature (hand written)

7. Parental Permission for Release of Name/School to the Press and/or use of image on promotional materials, including, but not limited to posters and website content. Please check: □ YES □ NO

   Date Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature

8. Exams: We do not knowingly schedule pages during their exams week. Please designate the week(s) your school will hold exams if it falls during the months of January-April.

   Exam Week(s): Does Not Apply: □

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 25, 2019.
NOTE: Additional application material may be required by your county and all applications must be legible.
Resume of Your Qualifications for Participation
Maryland State Page Program

Below you will find five questions that will give the screening committee a picture of your qualifications. Be sure to limit your answer where word limitations are indicated.

List any courses and/or special programs you have participated in which you feel would help you in qualifying for and serving as a state page.

In 50 words or less single out one of the above courses or special programs and relate specifically how it may help you in serving in Annapolis.
Applicant’s Name: __________________________________________ (please print)

List any previous leadership roles and/or experiences you have had during your middle/high school years that highlight your demonstrated interest in government. (For example: SGA Rep., class or club officer, outside school positions, etc.) Begin with the most recent experience first.

List any other current extracurricular activities (school or community).
Applicant's Name: __________________________________________
(please print)

Why are you interested in participating in the Maryland State Page Program? (100 words or less).

Please attach two letters of recommendation: one recommendation from a teacher whose course you have completed within the past twelve months and a second recommendation from your school counselor. The recommendation from your counselor must also include verification of your grade point average. Please do not submit additional letters of recommendation unless asked to do so. Your application will be retained on file for one year.