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Dear Republican Colleague:

The Republican Page Program will now be accepting applications for the SUMMER 2005 Page session. The first summer session will last from June 13 to July 1 and the second summer session will begin July 11 and conclude July 29.

If you are interested in sponsoring an applicant for one of the Republican Page appointments, please submit your best-qualified candidates' completed written applications to my office, H-419C, The Capitol, by April 1, 2005. You may only submit a primary and an alternate candidate - **please do not submit more than two applications**. Applications will not be accepted after April 1.

All applicants must complete an application form and provide the following; social security number, signed parental consent form, official transcript of all high-school grades to date, a 50-100 word essay on why they want to be a Republican Page, resume of extra-curricular activities and three letters of recommendation. Completed applications are to be returned to your office. Your office should then forward your best-qualified candidates' applications along with your own letter of support and sponsorship for the student. Appointment notification will be made to your office, not the student directly.

To be qualified to serve as a Page, all applicants must be at least 16 years of age at the time their appointment begins and have a cumulative grade point average of a "B" or better ("B" is a 3.0 or 80/100) in the five major subjects. **Those summer applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may have their application reviewed by the Page Board for consideration.** Additionally, summer program applicants may only serve as a Page during the summer before or the summer after their junior year of high school. A Republican Member of the House must sponsor all applicants in writing.

Applicants will be notified of their selection through the sponsoring Member's office. If you have questions or need further information, please call Erin Mitchell or Rachel Perry at (202) 225-0600.

Sincerely,

J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House

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Requirements for Nomination by a Member

1. Applicants must be 16 years of age at the time of their appointment.

2. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4-point scale or better, electives are not included.

3. A Member may only appoint students from his or her HOME state.

4. Students who are related to a sitting Member of Congress may not serve as a Page. Please refer to the Member's Congressional Handbook for specific guidelines regarding nepotism.

5. Please include the following information with your page application:
   - Application Parts 1 and 2
   - Grade Report
   - Official Transcript
   - Social Security Number
   - Signed Parental Consent Form
   - Essay
   - Resume of Extra-Curricular Activities
   - Three Letters of Recommendation
   - Member Consent Form
   - Letter of Support from Sponsoring Member

Should you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Erin Mitchell at Erin.Mitchell@mail.house.gov or by phone at (202) 225-0600.

REPUBLICAN PAGE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Currently sixty-six young men and women are appointed by their Member of Congress to serve as Pages in the U.S. House of Representatives. Forty-four slots are reserved for Republican Pages.

To be eligible for the summer program, applicants must be 16 years of age at the time of their appointment, have a "B" average or better, and be willing to serve as a page for approximately one month during the summer before or after their junior year of high school. The definition of a "B" average is a 3.0 on a 4-point scale, or an 80 or better on a 100-point scale. Summer applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may have their application reviewed by the Page Board for consideration. Applicants should submit a completed application to their Member of Congress for review and recommendation. The Speaker's Office will not accept applications from students directly – ONLY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS MAY FORWARD AN APPLICATION.

An official transcript of all grades (from 9th grade through at least the first semester of the current year) is required to verify the cumulative grade point average of "B" or better in the major courses. Only grades in the following subject areas will be included in the GPA tally: English, science, mathematics, social studies, and foreign language – ELECTIVES ARE NOT INCLUDED.

Along with the application form and transcript, the following items are required: social security number, a signed parental consent form, a 50-100 word essay on why they want to become a Republican Page, a resume of extra-curricular activities, three letters of recommendation, and a letter of support from the sponsoring Republican Member of Congress. Member must also submit a member Certification form indicating their knowledge of sponsorship of the student. The committee will consider only complete applications submitted in writing by a Republican Member.

The workday begins at 9:00 a.m. for summer Pages and extends to at least 5:00 p.m., or until the House adjourns for the day – whichever is later. The Pages report to their Page Supervisor where the first order of the day may be filing the *Congressional Record* from the previous day's proceedings. The Pages serve primarily as messengers, delivering legislative material between the various buildings of Capitol Hill. During the course of the day, the Pages accumulate points for "runs" (or deliveries). Those with the highest number of points may be excused early when the House goes into late-night sessions.

The dress required for males is a navy blazer, long sleeved white shirt, dark gray slacks, dark socks, dark shoes, and a standard issue tie. For females, a navy blazer, long sleeved white blouse, dark gray skirt or dark gray pants, dark shoes, appropriate hose, and a standard issue tie are required. The ties, which are provided during orientation, are navy with red and white stripes.

Pages are required to live at the Page Residence Hall, 501 First Street, S.E., under the supervision of a director, assistant director, and four proctors who reside on the premises. The first floor is set aside for males and the second floor for females.

The triple rooms are furnished with twin beds, dressers, desks, and chairs. Each of the rooms has a large walk-in closet, a study area, toll-controlled telephone, private bathroom, and three air-conditioning units. A community room with color television is available on the first floor. A kitchen and pantry area is also available for Page use. A laundry room, study room, computer room, and fitness room are all located on the second floor.

The pages are paid approximately $1,515.92 gross per month, with an automatic payroll deduction of $400 to cover the cost of the dorm and five breakfasts, five lunch and seven dinner meals per week. It will be prorated for less than a month. They are responsible for their transportation to and from Washington and their uniform. In addition, a one-time refundable security deposit of $100 payable to the U.S. Treasury is required for the dorm.

Please keep in mind that Pages are employees of the U.S. House of Representatives, and are *an important part of the legislative process. Before making your decision to become a page, it is imperative that you understand that all family activities, as well as home school and community activities, which would interrupt your Page School and/or work activities must be put on hold* until *you are no longer a Page. Pages will not be permitted to return home to attend family reunions, parent promotion ceremonies, family trips, home school activities such as conferences, sports events, proms, etc., if they occur during the work week.*

2005 APPLICATION FOR THE REPUBLICAN PAGE PROGRAM

1. Your application for the Republican Page Program includes the following parts:

   - Application Form, Part 1
   - Parental Consent Form, Part 2
   - School Report (2 Pages)
   - Member Certification Form (TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSORING MEMBER)

2. In addition, you must provide the following documents:

   - Official transcript of all high school grades to date (be sure to include name, address, telephone and fax number, and CEEB test code for your current high school)
   - Resume of extra-curricular activities
   - Essay
   - 3 letters of recommendation (in addition to letter of sponsorship from Member of Congress)

3. All applicants must meet the following requirements:

   - 16 years of age by the beginning of your service date as a U.S. House Page
   - 3.0 or 80% GPA in the following MAJOR subjects only (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language)
   - Fall/Spring applicants may only serve for one semester during their junior year of high school.
   - Outstanding students during the fall term may be considered for re-appointment for the spring term.

4. Return the completed application (and all required documents) to your Member of Congress for a congressional letter of recommendation as soon as possible. All Congressional Offices have to meet a April 1, 2005 deadline with the Speaker's Office. DO NOT SEND YOUR APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE. WE CANNOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS VIA FAX.

5. We recommend that you keep a copy of your completed application, in case the original or any part of the application is misplaced in transit.

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2005 APPLICATION FOR REPUBLICAN PAGE APPOINTMENT
PART 1

Refer to instructions on Cover Page. Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____
(Last) (First) ("Preferred") (Middle)

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____

Mailing Address (if other than home): _____

_____

Name of Parent of Legal Guardian: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Address: _____

Your Member of Congress: _____

Member Appointing You: _____

Grade You Are Entering for 2005/2006 School Year: _____

Date of Availability: Summer Session 1 ____ Summer Session 2 ____

Maximum Period of Availability:

_____

Are you related to a current Member of Congress? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, please list: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

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2005 APPLICATION FOR REPUBLICAN PAGE APPOINTMENT
PART 2

DECLARATION OF PARENTAL CONSENT

We, _____ and _____,

are the parents (or legal guardians) of, and give our consent for, _____

to apply for an appointment to serve as a Republican Page in the U.S. House of Representatives,

beginning on _____, 20 _____.

We agree to provide, supervise and pay for his/her travel to and from the U.S. Capitol Building. We accept full responsibility for his/her supervision at his/her place of residence in the District of Columbia, and for his/her physical safety and well-being while the individual is employed as a Page in the U.S. House of Representatives.

_____
Mother or Guardian's Signature

_____
Father or Guardian's Signature

_____
Street Address

_____
City State Zip

Telephone Numbers

Home: _____

Office: _____

United States House of Representatives
Page Program
SCHOOL REPORT

APPLICANT (After filling out the identifying information below, give this form to your school advisor/principal/or counselor)

NAME Last First Middle Jr. (etc.)

ADDRESS Street City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE (include area code) FAX

DATE OF BIRTH SOC. SECURITY #

ADVISOR'S/PRINCIPAL'S/COUNSELOR'S REPORT:

NAME OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT POSITION

SCHOOL NAME

SCHOOL ADDRESS

SCHOOL TELEPHONE SCHOOL FAX

SCHOOL CEEB/ACT/SAT CODE

Please complete the following regarding the applicant:

- Of this applicants graduating class, _____% plan to attend a four-year college. This applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____ students.
- Attach an official 9th and 10th grade transcript. The applicant's Grade Point Average (GPA) cannot be determined without a complete record. Include a key to the transcript to aid computation. If available, attach a school profile.
- Please list coursework taken freshman and sophomore years. Data and letter grades must be transferred from student's transcript.

FRESHMAN YEAR	SUBJECT	SEMESTER 1 GRADES	SEMESTER 2 GRADES
English			
Mathematics			
Science			
Social Studies			
Foreign Language			
SOPHOMORE YEAR	**SUBJECT**	**SEMESTER 1 GRADES**	**SEMESTER 2 GRADES**
English			
Mathematics			
Science			
Social Studies			
Foreign Language			

Please list the coursework planned for this applicant's Junior year at his or her "home" high school:

	Semester 1	Semester 2
English		
Mathematics		
Science		
Social Studies		
Foreign Language		
Other		

- **To be scholastically eligible for the school-year Page Program, a student must be at least 16 years of age by the first day the appointment begins, must be a Junior, AND, must have a cumulative 3.0 or 85% GPA in the five major subjects. Please indicate if the applicant meets these requirements. _____YES _____ NO**
- **The Page School enrollment never exceeds sixty-six students and therefore has a limited curriculum that may not parallel the student's home school curriculum. Please indicate that the applicant and home school are aware of these limitations. _____ YES**
- **EVALUATION: It is essential to the applicant's eligibility that you record what you think best describes his or her academic and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the applicant's intellectual ability, personal integrity; adaptability, cooperativeness, relative maturity, and physical stamina. We welcome information that will help differentiate this applicant from others,**

SIGNATURE DATE

Thank you for your cooperation. Please seal, and return completed form (with transcript) to applicant for inclusion with application.

Member Certification Form

I, _____, hereby certify that the following
Member of Congress
applicant has met the criteria for admission into the House Page Program. This certification is based on my thorough review of the application and program requirements listed below. I, hereby, recommend _____ for admission to the House
Page Applicant
Page Program.

____ Minimum 3.0 GPA (in Major subjects)
____ Official Transcript
____ Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
____ 50-100 Word Essay
____ Resume of Extra-Curricular Activities
____ Student will be at least 16 years of age by beginning of Appointment
____ Parental Consent
____ Letter of Sponsorship from Member of Congress

Signed,

The Honorable _____ M.C.

Staff Contact: _____
Telephone #: _____