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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC

April 14, 2005

Dear Applicant:

I am now accepting applications for the House Republican Page Program's 2005-2006 Page Sessions. The Fall Session will begin September 4, 2005 and conclude January 27, 2006. The Spring Session will last from January 29, 2006 through June 9, 2006.

I am looking for qualified candidates to participate in the Republican Page Program. All applicants must complete the enclosed application 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 you want to be a Republican Page, resume of extra-curricular activities and three letters of recommendation. Please send the completed application to my Bakersfield District Office no later than May 13, 2005.

Once your application is received, my staff will select the most qualified applicants to present to the Office of the Speaker of the House. Applicants will be notified of their status through my office. If you have questions or need further assistance, please call Courtney Mayo at (202) 225-2915.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

WILLIAM M. THOMAS  
Member of Congress

Enclosure



## 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



## 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_



2005/2006  
School Year Page  
Application



## **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 May 20, 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.**



## 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 at least 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 for at least one semester of 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. 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. **PLEASE NOTE: FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PAGE BOARD WILL CONTACT APPLICANTS DIRECTLY FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW.**

For School Semester Pages, classes begin promptly at 6:45 a.m., with classes lasting until approximately 9:00 a.m. when the House is in Session and 11:30 a.m. when the House is not in session, 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. 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.*