



2021 Regular Session

Florida House of Representatives

Page & Messenger Program Overview

General Information

- Students enrolled in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate in the Page & Messenger Program and receive service hour credits for their week of participation.
 - Pages (grades 6-8) are traditionally tasked with assisting the representatives in the House Chamber when the House is in session.
 - Messengers (grades 9-12) assist House members and staff by delivering time-sensitive materials throughout the Capitol Complex.

COVID-19 Guidelines

- In response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, a number of modifications were necessary in order to make this program a safe and meaningful experience for all participants. Please note the following changes:
 - To allow for students to be socially distanced as much as possible during their experience, capacity for the 2021 Page & Messenger Program has been significantly reduced.
 - As the limited space in the program is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, it is imperative to complete the application as soon as possible in order to increase the likelihood of placement into the program.
 - All Pages and Messengers are subject to on-site COVID-19 testing. Please see below for more information.
 - Participants must wear a face covering at all times, aside from lunch and unless otherwise specified in the Page & Messenger Program Guidebook. Further guidance about program-approved masks can be found in the Guidebook.
 - Any student presenting symptoms of COVID-19, who has been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or who is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 diagnostic test will not be allowed to participate in the program and will be immediately sent home should they start exhibiting any such symptoms during their week of service.
 - It is possible that Pages *may* not be able to assist in the House Chamber. This is still to be determined.
 - There will be no off-site tours. Any such tours will be conducted virtually and most program activities will take place in the designated Page & Messenger room.

COVID-19 Testing and Orientation

- All Pages and Messengers are required to submit to on-site COVID-19 testing on the Monday of their week of service. Orientation will take place Tuesday morning and only those students who received a negative test result will be allowed to participate in the program. A negative COVID-19 diagnostic test or a positive antibody test from the student's local testing site will not be accepted as a substitute for the on-site COVID-19 diagnostic test. More information regarding the scheduling of tests and timing of orientation will be released closer to the student's week of service.

Transportation, Lodging, and Food

- Pages and Messengers are responsible for their own lodging and transportation to Tallahassee and the Capitol each day. Students may be responsible for their own meals, however, the program is in the process of determining lunch protocols, so more information will be released closer to the student's week of service.

Follow the steps below to complete the application. Space is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Step 1 Download the blank form to your desktop and open it from the saved file on your desktop, *not* your Internet browser.

Step 2) Complete everything up to the green line and click "Attach to Email" to send a copy of your application to HousePagesandMessengers@myfloridahouse.gov. This will tentatively reserve a space for you in the program.

Step 3) Fill in everything below the green line, click "Print" and gather the three (3) required signatures. Once the signatures have been acquired, return to the email or fax number listed below no later than **February 12, 2021**. Completing Step 3 will confirm your place in the program. Students will be informed of their acceptance into the program by email to the parent/guardian email address provided on the application.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021 TO:

HousePagesandMessengers@myfloridahouse.gov

Phone: 850-717-5401

Fax: 888-864-8992



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Student Name as you would like it published in the *Journal of the House of Representatives*:

(First) _____ (MI) _____ (Last) _____

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Current School Grade: _____
(If different from above) (Pages: grades 6-8; Messengers: grades 9-12)

Gender (select one): Male Female Prefer not to answer Race: _____

Address: _____
(Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____ Student Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Name of School: _____

Have you served previously as a Page/Messenger? If so, where (House/Senate) and what year? _____

COVID-19 Guidelines: By checking this box, the student and authorized parent/guardian confirm that they have read the COVID-19 expectations listed on the previous page. The student and authorized parent/guardian understand and acknowledge that the House has implemented protocols intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and will issue further requirements that must be met in order to participate in the program.

2021 Florida House of Representatives Regular Session Available Weeks Choose three (3) weeks you would like to serve and label them in order of preference. If you have a flexible schedule or have no preference, please mark here for ANY WEEK.		
Week 1: March 1 - 5	Week 4: March 22 - 26	Week 7: April 12 - 16
Week 2: March 8 - 12	Week 5: March 29 - April 2	Week 8: April 19 - 23
Week 3: March 15 - 19	Week 6: April 5 - 9	Week 9: April 26 - 30

Applications must be received by the Florida House Page & Messenger Program no later than Friday, February 12, 2021.

I confirm that the information given in this form is accurate.

Mandatory Signatures

- By signing this application, parents/guardians are giving permission for the above named student to participate in the Page & Messenger Program during one week of the Florida House of Representatives Legislative Session.
- Parent/Guardian must obtain all necessary excusals from the student's educational institution.
- Without a State Representative's signature, the application is not complete and will be placed on an alternate list.

Parent/Guardian: _____
(Sign) _____ (Print) _____ (Date)

School Principal/designee: _____
(Sign) _____ (Print) _____ (Date)

Representative: _____
(Sign) _____ (Print) _____ (District #) _____ (Date)