



FLORIDA SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

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JEFF ATWATER
PRESIDENT



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you for taking an interest in the Florida Senate Page Program, a program that has afforded students the opportunity of a hands-on experience with Florida government for over 30 years. Hundreds of young Floridians have served as Senate Pages over the years and their contributions have provided a valuable service to the State of Florida.

By becoming a Senate Page, you will benefit from the unique experience of working with Florida legislators, witnessing the lawmaking process and meeting new friends from all across the Sunshine State.

In this booklet, you will find important information about the Senate Page Program, as well as information on how to get involved. If you have any questions concerning the program, please do not hesitate to call our Senate Page Coordinator, Minnie Bush Bradshaw, at (850) 487-5256.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as a Senate Page, and it is my hope that you will consider participating in this unique, educational experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Atwater". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Atwater
President

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Be a part of history! For more than 30 years, the Florida Senate has given interested young people the opportunity to observe and participate in the legislative process. During regular sessions of the Florida Legislature, participating students from all across the state have come to Tallahassee for one week to assist members of the Legislature in carrying out the work of the people. A one-week limit is set so that as many young people as possible have the opportunity to serve during the 60-day session.

During their assigned week, Senate Pages will assist members of the Florida Senate by distributing materials and messages, learn about the legislative process through a hands-on approach, and experience a "mock session" in which students role-play as Senators and engage in debating, discussing and voting on legislation.

Under the supervision of the Senate Page Coordinator, pages will work from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will receive an hourly, minimum-wage stipend that will be mailed two to three weeks after their service. Senate Pages will be responsible for their own transportation, housing and meals while visiting the Capital City. Professional dress is required.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Each Senator has the opportunity to sponsor up to two pages, between the ages of 15-18, for one week during the 60-day regular session. Senators may also select alternate pages to serve on an as-needed basis. Those interested are encouraged to contact their hometown Senator or the Senate Page Coordinator, Minnie Bush Bradshaw at (850) 487-5256 for application information no later than November 30, 2009. Once selected, students will be notified of their scheduled week of service.



Be a part of history. Be a Senate Page!

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