Florida House of Representatives

Representative Jayer Williamson, District 3

2021 SESSION HOUSE PAGE & MESSENGER PROGRAM

LOCAL PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thurs., Feb. 11 at 2 pm

Each year State Representatives select local students to participate in the Page & Messenger Program. Pages (grades 6-8) assist the Representatives in the House Chamber during session, and Messengers assist House staff by delivering time-sensitive messages throughout the entire Capitol Complex. While performing their duties, participants have the opportunity to observe lawmakers, lobbyists, staff, and constituents working together in the legislative process. Opportunities will include committee meetings, House sessions in the Chamber, and occasionally press conferences as well as tours and a mock session in the House Chamber as time allows. ***For a complete overview of the program, including modifications related to COVID-19 and the official program application, visit MyFloridaHouse.gov and select the "Page & Messenger" link under the "Student Resources" tab.***

Eligibility:

Pages must be enrolled in grades 6-8 and Messengers in grades 9-12. Priority is given to students who live in and/or go to school within District 3. However, residency or school enrollment within the district is not required. Participants/families must cover travel, lodging, meals, etc., at their own expense.

Process:

The application process varies by district. Representative Williamson (District 3) requires the following:

- Complete the official state application. Please note that the application process with the state has changed. ***Access the official program application by selecting the "Page & Messenger" link under the "Student Resources" tab on the home page of MyFloridaHouse.gov.***
- Write a 250 (or less) word essay describing what you intend to gain from participating in the program, explaining how it will apply to you either academically and/or personally. The essay must be included with the copy of the form submitted to Rep. Williamson's office (hard copy or email).
- Send the completed application and essay to Sabrina McLaughlin at (Sabrina.Mclaughlin@myfloridahouse.gov) or 4519 Woodbine Rd. Pace, FL 32571 by Thurs., Feb. 11 at 2 pm.
- Due to the COVID-related modifications made to the program, Representative Williamson may only select ONE student to sponsor this session (either a Page or a Messenger). However, one additional applicant may be selected and forwarded as an alternate. *Please note that alternates are submitted as space is available and not guaranteed placement in the program.*
- Rep. Williamson will notify the student he has selected to sponsor by Fri., Feb. 12. However, the House Civics Program Coordinator will contact the student to confirm official acceptance into the program and confirm all related details.