

Merkley invites Oregon students to apply for Senate Page Program for spring 2023

WASHINGTON – Oregon’s U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley has announced he is now accepting applications to the U.S. Senate Page Program for spring 2023. Through Sept. 5, 2022, Oregon students entering their junior year of high school during the 2022-23 school year have the opportunity to apply to be part of the Senate Page Program next spring.

Only 30 page positions are available among 100 senators and this highly competitive Senate Page Program provides students with firsthand experience of Senate operations. Pages play a critical role in the daily work of the U.S. Senate by helping to deliver correspondence, legislative material, amendments and bills around the congressional complex and during congressional proceedings.

“To the young leaders of Oregon who want to get informed and get involved in the political process to create the change you wish to see in the world, I encourage you to consider the Senate Page Program,” said Merkley. “Being a Senate page is a unique opportunity to come to our nation’s capital and see the inner workings of Congress firsthand.”

Since 2017, Merkley has sponsored eight Senate pages.

Senate pages must be appointed and sponsored by a senator. Unlike interns who work in the senators’ offices, pages work for the Senate as a whole and spend much of their days on the senate floor. Pages receive a stipend, live in a dormitory near the Capitol and attend classes in addition to performing their page duties.

To be eligible to serve as a Senate page, you must be:

- A high school junior for the 2022-2023 school year
- 16-18 years old on the date of appointment (the date the page session starts)
- A U.S. citizen
- Able to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher

Interested participants should apply online and must upload the following items:

- An official copy of your high school transcript(s)
- A current résumé
- A cover letter explaining why you wish to be a Senate page

- A letter of recommendation from one of your teachers
- A letter of recommendation from a supervisor familiar with your work on a job or in volunteer service
- A short essay (250-500 words) responding to the question, “Describe one major problem that the United States is currently facing and – if you were a U.S. Senator from Oregon – how you would try to fix that problem.”

Visit <https://oampublic.senate.gov/constituent/login/96fb2592-442a-42f4-9308-29f266599a62/> for more information about the page application process. For questions or further assistance, please contact Merkley’s office at 202-224-3753.

Birds, bears and breezes: Closing the lid on rolling wildlife cafés in your yard

From the Lincoln County Solid Waste District

An open trash, recycling or yard debris roll cart lid is an invitation for birds, raccoons and bears to go digging. It does not take long for those prowlers to find a roadside buffet. Worse yet, they quickly learn where to return for more – and can be rather aggressive in demanding service.

Here are a few tips to help keep your neighborhood clean and hopefully make your roll carts less attractive to our animal friends.

Aromas – critters have good noses!

- Rinse pet food cans and food containers prior to placing them into the recycling cart.
- Bury vegetable scraps deep under lawn clippings and leaves in your cart.
- If you’re experiencing an ongoing problem, don’t put “the good stuff” out until the morning of collection day.
- Sleuth for the problem. Look at what items are being dragged out and dis-

continue placing those items into the roll cart until collection morning.

Make access inconvenient

- Keep the lids closed! If you have them, keep your wind hooks on the carts between collection days.
- If you’re experiencing an ongoing problem, store roll carts in the garage or in an enclosed shed to prevent access, then put them out early on collection day.

Keep it clean

If an invasion has occurred, quickly remove scattered items. Litter and “left-overs” will serve only to attract more critters and encourage repeat offenders.

Not to be preachy

Even if it was the pesky wind or some prowling bandit that spread the material across the neighborhood, please do remember whose responsibility it is to keep the garbage, recycling and yard debris properly contained – and cleaned up.

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit siletzlanguage.org.

Siletz Home Visiting Program

Now serving all federally recognized and Alaskan Native families who meet eligibility criteria!

Home Visiting provides:

- Parenting and life skills for successful and positive parenting
- Support and encouragement
- Resources and referrals
- A culturally sensitive, evidence-based curriculum
- Ongoing services from prenatal until child is 3 years old
- Virtual visits currently

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Go to www.ctsi.nsn.us Home Visiting to view past success stories.

Eligibility requirements:

- Live in 11-county service area
- Family is expecting or has an infant under 12 months of age.
- American Indian/Alaskan Native head of household or dependent child and meet one of the following criteria:
 - Income below 300% of federal poverty level for last 30 days
 - Household resides in rural location that has limited employment opportunities
 - First-time parent
 - Household with at least one adult without a post-secondary certificate
 - Family experienced trauma, chemical dependency or mental health barriers
- Other eligibility criteria may apply, so contact our staff if you have questions.

SILETZ COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE LINE

RESOURCE PHONE NUMBER 541-444-9613

200 GWEE SHUT ROAD, SILETZ for pick up of supplies

Please call the community health resource line for COVID supplies; this includes...

Masks (surgical, KN95, and N95), face shields, gloves, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, first aid kits, thermometers and home COVID test kits.

If you test positive please call this number. Additional resources are available, such as pulse oximeter used to check oxygen level in COVID positive patients at higher risk of complications.

