

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kit Bush, and I am a senior at Boise High School. I am interested in the Idaho Page Program because I wish to broaden my understanding of government – how it works, what processes are involved, who carries which power and how much, etc - - and I believe the best way to do that is to observe from an inside perspective. This opportunity would allow me to gain an unparalleled understanding of Idaho government, which in turn would help me with a better grasp of government at the state, local, and national level.

This current election cycle has been a controversial, and in some cases, an ugly one, but it has benefitted me in one way – by piquing my interest in politics. It turns out, after a little history lesson by my dad, it runs in the family. I'm a sixth generation Idahoan (my ancestors migrated here when Idaho was still a territory) and my grandfather served in the House of Representatives here in the 1960's, while my great, great, great grandfather was a member of both the House of Representatives and the Senate in the 1890's. The majority of my close family is closely intertwined with law as well – my mom is Assistant General Counsel of the J.R. Simplot Company, my dad is a federal judge, and my brother is currently studying law at the University of Utah. Growing up with that profession so prominent in the family has made me quite a force to be reckoned with in the casual argument or persuasion – even though Law may not be where I'm headed after college. This opportunity would give me the ability to look into government and politics in a way that I just can't do in a classroom, and perhaps give me some insight into how my future revolves around it (whether I pursue it as a career, or simply as an active citizen).

I am a quick learner with a perseverance that cannot be halted. I am intelligent, capable, dedicated and I don't like to let people down. My focus and determination can be seen in my work in school and my work in my Student Leadership class.

Thank you for your time in considering my application, and I hope I can join your cast of pages during the Legislative session.

Sincerely,

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