

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR
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GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
2018 - 2019

ATTENTION: THE APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 31ST AT 3:00 P.M. FOR YOUTH RESIDING IN SANTA CRUZ, NAVAJO, AND YAVAPAI COUNTIES. ALL OTHER POSITIONS ON THE GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION ARE CLOSED.

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What is the Governor's Youth Commission?

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) is to mobilize youth to be informed on the greatest challenge facing Arizona and to implement service projects that impact their communities across the state.

MEMBERS

The GYC is a diverse body of Arizona's high school sophomores, juniors and seniors serving for the 2018 – 2019 school year. The GYC is composed of members from all of Arizona's fifteen counties.

MEETINGS

Quarterly meetings are held on Saturdays from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Committee meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm via WebEx.

Teens learn how to serve on a board, participate in committees, plan service projects and events. Each year the group works on areas of focus such as, substance abuse, education, and other youth challenges where they can have an impact.

What's in it for me?

- Nationally recognized training program
- Learn to lead
- Serve others
- Build your resume
- Become a team player
- Create partnerships in your community
- Participate in ethical decision making
- Set goals and achieve them
- Find your passion and be inspired
- Gain public speaking skills
- Increase time management skills
- Learn conflict resolution
- Receive diversity and tolerance skill building
- Positive and fun experience, make friends statewide!

Terms of Tenure

GYC members may serve up to 2 years, with a recommitment form to complete after the first year. Re-appointment will be determined by participation and conduct and is at the discretion of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) staff.

Agreements of Membership

Being a commissioner requires a high degree of commitment. Before applying, please make sure that you are able to dedicate a sufficient amount of time to the GYC.

Commissioners are required to:

- Serve as a positive role model and adhere to a high code of conduct.
- Conduct themselves professionally at all meetings, events, and on all social media.
- Attend four in-person meetings a year, must arrive on time and be prepared.
- Provide for their own transportation to all GYC meetings and events.
- Actively participate in one sub-committee.
- Participate in five conference calls per year, Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm.
- Take initiative in coordinating activities and leading community volunteer projects.
- Encourage and inspire other youth to service.
- Advance the work of GYC in full coordination with GOYFF staff.
- Wear appropriate GYC attire when asked, a GYC polo will be provided to you.
- Be a great listener, taking everyone's opinions into consideration.
- Enjoy networking and collaboration.
- Follow curfew if and when overnight accommodations are provided.
- Ensure required forms on file with the GOYFF are current.
- This is a non-partisan position, but you must be able to represent the office of the Governor in a positive way at all times.

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Application Process

The GYC recruitment process consists of an application and interview. All youth who are eligible to apply must meet the application requirements. Finalists will be invited to interview on April 10 - 13. The interview will either be in person at the Capitol or for those unable to travel via WebEx. Decisions are tentatively scheduled to be made by April 20.

When appointed, the GYC Orientation for all members is scheduled for August 11. **Attendance for this meeting is mandatory.**

Application Forms and Requirements

A complete application consists of:

- Contact information – **Part I**
- Mini-essay – **Part II**
- Signature page – **Part III**
- One letter of recommendation which can be from a teacher, faculty member or youth group leader – **Part IV**
- Resume – **Part V**
- Must be a sophomore, junior or senior for the 2018 – 2019 school year
- Must be able to attend the GYC Orientation August 11

Complete applications for youth residing in Santa Cruz, Navajo, and Yavapai counties can be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered in person by Tuesday, July 31st at 3:00 P.M. to:

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Contact Information - Part I

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Birthday: _____ Grade during the 2018-2019 school year? _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ School Name: _____

Most advocacy campaigns that the GYC is involved with are hosted over social media platforms. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family reserves the right to review commissioners' social media accounts for appropriateness.

How active are you on social media? Not Active Active Very Active

Do you have a Facebook? Yes No

Do you have a Twitter? Yes No

If so, what is your twitter handle? _____

Do you have an Instagram? Yes No

If so, what is your username? _____

Do you have public speaking experience? Yes No

Are you able to attend the GYC Orientation in Phoenix on August 11? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

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Mini Essay - Part II

In 300-500 words, please respond to the following question. Your answers must be typed, double-spaced and in 12 point font.

1. What is the most critical issue facing youth in Arizona today and what would you suggest doing to help address this issue?

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Signature Page - Part III

GYC Applicant

If selected to serve on the Governor's Youth Commission for the 2018-2019 year, I am fully aware of the Agreements of Membership and will abide by these Agreements at all times. I am also aware that my participation as a member of the GYC is held at the discretion of the staff and that my behavior reflects that of the Governor's office and the State of Arizona.

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian

I hereby provide my consent for my child to serve, if selected, as a member of the Governor's Youth Commission for the 2018-2019 year. I understand that this is an important commitment and I will support my youth's full participation on the Commission.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Letter of Recommendation Page - Part IV

Please include one letter of recommendation with the application. The letter can be from a teacher, faculty member, community leader or youth group leader.

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Resume - Part V

Please include your resume.