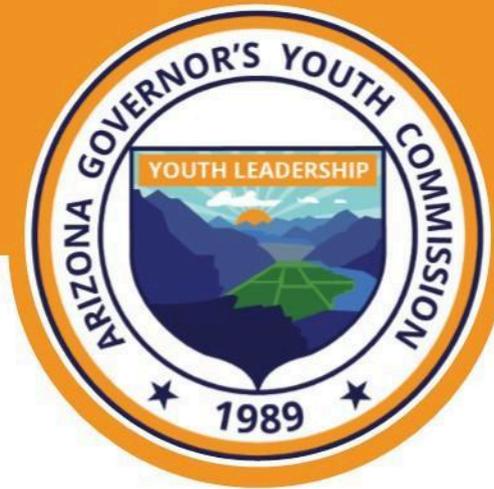


GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION

2024-2025 Mail Application



Applicant Name:

Due by Friday, May 31, 2024 at 5PM MST-AZ

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GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION

OVERVIEW

This application is to assist applicants who wish to mail in their application rather than apply through the online form. This application will contain all of the same parts of the online form.

A complete application consists of the following:

- **Part 1 – Applicant Contact Information**
- **Part 2 – Orientation Attendance**
- **Part 3 – Parent Contact Information**
- **Part 4 – Short Essays***
 - Personal Statement
 - Leadership Statement
 - Project Planning
- **Part 5 – Resume**
- **Part 6 – Letter of Recommendation**
 - Please include one letter of recommendation with the application. The letter can be from a teacher, faculty member, community leader, or youth group leader. Please note that the letter of recommendation must be typed and on official letterhead if possible. You may submit up to two letters, but only one is required.
 - If Recommenders prefer to submit their letter separately, they can do so by emailing their letter to gyc@az.gov. We ask for recommenders to list the applicant's name in the email.
- **Part 7 – Signature Page**

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please include page 1 (cover) to page 7 of the application as part of your mailed-in application. Once all parts have been assembled, please mail the application to the following:

**ATTN: Governor's Youth Commission
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230
Phoenix, Arizona, 85007**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please get in touch with our office at (602) 339-9134 or at gyc@az.gov.

PART 1 – APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please print neatly and legibly—checkmark where necessary.

Have you read the 2024-2025 Governor’s Youth Commission Information Packet?

Yes No

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____ / _____ / _____

Academic Standing: Sophomore Junior Senior

For the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

Home Address Line 1: _____

Home Address Line 2: _____

City, AZ: _____, AZ

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

County: _____

School Name: _____

School District: _____

Full name of a school district; do not use abbreviations (put N/A if not applicable to your school).

School Zip Code: _____

What type of school do you attend? Public Private Charter Other*

*Home School, Vocational, Online

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

Do you have a TikTok account? Yes No

If you answered yes to the previous question, please type your TikTok handle.

Do you have an X or Twitter account? Yes No

If you answered yes to the previous question, please type your X/Twitter handle.

Do you have an Instagram account? Yes No

If you answered yes to the previous question, please type your Instagram handle.

Do you have public speaking experience? Yes No

PART 2 – ORIENTATION ATTENDANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Checkmark where necessary.

Instructions: Attendance at the GYC Orientation is mandatory. This **in-person, all-day** event is designed to provide you with foundational information to effectively take on your responsibilities as a member of the GYC. The date of the GYC Orientation is scheduled for **Saturday, August 17, 2024.**

If there are changes to the plan and dates for Orientation and you have been selected to serve a GYC term, you will be informed accordingly.

Are you able to attend the GYC Orientation? Yes No

PART 3 – PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please print neatly and legibly.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address Line 1: _____

Parent/Guardian Address Line 2: _____

Parent/Guardian City, AZ: _____, AZ

Parent/Guardian Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

PART 4 – SHORT ESSAYS

Must be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point font, and in Times New Roman font or the like.

Personal Statement:

- Please write a brief personal statement describing your understanding of “community service” and “civic engagement.” How does serving on the GYC align with that definition? Please respond in 200 words or less and provide specific details.
- *Example title: “Personal Statement”*

Leadership Statement:

- Define the term ‘leadership’ and provide examples from either personal experience or observation. Additionally, describe your leadership style. Please respond in 200 words or less and provide specific details.
- *Example title: “Leadership Statement”*

Project Planning:

- The GYC achieves its mission through its Workgroups. Workgroups are formed around focus areas, and Commissioners work through a project planning process designed to help Commissioners learn more about the specific issues within the focus areas that affect youth the most and identify ways in which youth can make an impact. During the discovery phase of this process, Commissioners are expected to research, engage with subject matter experts, and discuss information with each other. At the end of the discovery phase, Commissioners will submit a proposal for a project that the Workgroup will engage in to address an identified issue of the focus area.
- Select from one of the below ‘focus areas’ to identify a critical issue currently affecting the youth in Arizona. In 500 words or less, suggest what the GYC could do to help address this issue.
- Please include citations to support your answer. The word count will not include your works cited, references, or bibliography. Please include the selected focus area as part of the essay title and include your word count at the end of the essay.
- **Focus Areas:** Service and Volunteerism; Conservation and/or Environmental Justice; Distracted Driving; Domestic and/or Teen Dating Violence; Education; Physical and Mental Health well-being; and Substance Abuse.
- *Example title: “Project Planning: [Insert Focus Area]”*

PART 5 – RESUME

Must be typed.

Instructions: Please include your typed resume.

PART 6 – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Must be typed.

Instructions: One (1) letter of recommendation is required with the application; however, up to two (2) letters may be submitted. The letter can be from a teacher, faculty member, community leader, or youth group leader. Please note that the letter of recommendation **must** be typed and on official letterhead (if possible).

The letter should include:

- The writer's experience with the applicant;
- What specific skills/attributes make the applicant a good candidate for GYC.

If Recommenders prefer to submit their letter separately, they can do so by emailing them to gyc@az.gov. We ask for recommenders to list the applicant's name in the email.

PART 7 – SIGNATURE PAGE

Please print neatly and legibly.

Instructions: Please read through the following statements and print your name, sign your name, and date them to acknowledge your agreement. The “Agreements of Participation” can be found in the Information Packet.

GYC Applicant: If selected to serve on the Governor’s Youth Commission (GYC) for the 2024-2025 term, I am fully aware of the Agreements of Participation 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 of Youth, Faith and Family, and the State of Arizona.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant 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 (GYC) for the 2024-2025 term. I understand that this is an important commitment and I will support my youth’s full participation on the Commission.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

This concludes the application.