

# Office of Governor Katie Hobbs



## Governor's Youth Commission Application for Membership 2023-2024

Application must be **RECEIVED** by

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 5:00 PM MST-AZ**

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family  
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Phoenix, Arizona, 85007  
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## **Application Information**

This application is to assist applicants who wish to mail-in their application rather than applying 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 Information
- Part 2 – Orientation Attendance
- Part 3 – Resume
- Part 4 – Parent/Guardian Information
- Part 5 – Short Essays
- Part 6 – Letter of Recommendation
- Part 7 – Signature Page

**Application Open:** March 15, 2023 at 8 AM MST-AZ

**Application Close:** May 31, 2023 at 5 PM MST-AZ

## **Mailing Instructions**

Please be sure to include all application pages and resume 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**

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (602) 339-9134 or at [gyc@az.gov](mailto:gyc@az.gov)

## What is the Governor's Youth Commission?

The Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) is composed of Arizona high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from all fifteen counties. The purpose of the GYC is to mobilize youth to be informed on the greatest challenges facing Arizona and to implement service projects that impact their communities across the state. Commissioners of the GYC learn how to serve on a board, participate in workgroups, plan service projects and events to become leaders in their communities. Each year members on areas of focus such as, substance abuse, education, domestic violence awareness, and distracted driving prevention.

### Commissioner Commitment

**Term:** Commissioners serve a one (1) year term, but may apply to serve up to three (3) terms, so long as they are still in high school and are selected through the renewal application process.

**Travel:** Mileage reimbursement is available for those Commissioners traveling 50 miles or more from outside of Maricopa County. Prior to all reimbursements, the Arizona State University Participant Support Certification and the Arizona State University Substitute W-9 must be filled out, signed, and sent to the GYC Program Administrator.

**Meetings:** The full Commission will have four quarterly meetings throughout the term, including Orientation. Each Commissioner will also be placed into a Workgroup that meets on a bi-weekly basis and conducted via Google Meets.

### Governor's Youth Commission- Commissioner Responsibilities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ensure Onboarding Online Form is submitted to GOYFF.</li><li>● Perform at least <b>five</b> service hours per month (August through April) and solicit at least two peers to join you in conducting service hours.</li><li>● Serve as a positive role model and adhere to a high standard of conduct.</li><li>● Take initiative in coordinating activities and leading community impact projects.</li><li>● Track and report service hours performed and service hours solicited.</li><li>● Attend <b>four</b> quarterly Commission meetings a year, must arrive on time and be prepared.</li><li>● Actively participate in a Workgroup.</li><li>● Adhere to Workgroup deadlines for projects.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Conduct themselves professionally at all meetings, events, and on all social media.</li><li>● Provide for their own transportation to all GYC Meetings and events.</li><li>● Encourage and inspire other youth to serve their communities.</li><li>● Advance the work of the GYC in full coordination with the GOYFF staff.</li><li>● Wear appropriate GYC attire when asked.</li><li>● Enjoy networking and collaboration.</li><li>● This is a non-partisan, non-political position, but you must be able to represent the Office of the Governor in a positive way at all times.</li><li>● Participate in remote Commission Meetings and Workgroup Meetings.</li><li>● Respect and follow directives of the GOYFF staff.</li></ul> |
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# Governor's Youth Commission New Application 2023-2024

## Part 1: Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Academic standing for 2023-2024 school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Public/Private/Charter/Homeschool: \_\_\_\_\_ School Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Social Media

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 TikTok account?** Yes No

If yes to the previous question, please provide your TikTok

handle: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have an Instagram account?** Yes No

If yes to the previous question, please provide your Instagram

handle: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a Twitter account?** Yes No

If yes to the previous question, please provide your Twitter handle: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have public speaking experience?** Yes No

## Part 2: Orientation Attendance

**Are you able to attend the GYC Orientation on Saturday, August 19, 2023\*?** Yes No

Attendance at the GYC Orientation is mandatory. This event is designed to provide you with foundational information to effectively take on your responsibilities as a member of the GYC. If there are changes to the plan and dates for Orientation and if you have been selected to serve another GYC term, you will be informed accordingly.

## Part 3: Resume

**Please include your typed Resume attached to your final application.**

**Part 4: Parent/Guardian Information**

Parent/Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part 5: Short Essays**

*Essays must be typed, double-spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman font or the like, and uploaded as PDFs.*

1. **Personal Statement** - Please provide a short personal statement about why you want to serve on the GYC and what you hope to gain from the experience. In 200 words or less, please respond to this question and be specific.

2. **Leadership Statement** - Describe your leadership background and experiences that have helped form your outlook on leadership. In 200 words or less, please respond to this question and be specific.

**3. Project Planning** - Identify a critical issue facing youth in Arizona today within the below listed focus areas and what would you suggest the GYC do to help address this issue? In 500 words or less, please respond to this question. Please provide citations to support your answer. Your works cited, references, or bibliography will not be counted towards the word count. Please include the focus area as part of the essay title and include your word count at the end of the essay.

**Focus areas:** Bullying & Cyberbullying, Civic Engagement, Conservation and/or Environmental Justice, Distracted Driving, Domestic and/or Teen Dating Violence, Education, Equity & Inclusion, Juvenile Justice, Physical & Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Technology & Connectivity.

### **Part 6: Letters 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 (2) letters, but only one (1) is required.

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

**Part 7: Signature Page**

**GYC Applicant**

If selected to serve on the Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) for the 2023-2024 term, I am fully aware of the commissioner responsibilities stated above 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 2023-2024 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