



# ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION MAIL APPLICATION 2025-2026

Applicant Name:

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Due Thursday, May 26, 2025 at 5PM MST-AZ

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## 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. These are the parts of the application:

- Part 1 – Applicant Information
- Part 2 – Parent/Guardian Information
- Part 3 – Short Essays\*
  - Personal Statement
  - Leadership Statement
  - Project Planning
- Part 4 – Resume
- Part 5 – 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. You may submit up to two letters, but only one is required.
  - If Recommenders prefer to submit their letters separately, they can email them to [gyc@az.gov](mailto:gyc@az.gov). We ask that recommenders list the applicant's name in the email.
- Part 6 – Orientation Attendance

## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the cover and pages 2- 6 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 contact our office at (602) 339-9134 or [gyc@az.gov](mailto:gyc@az.gov).

## PART 1 – APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please print neatly and legibly—checkmark where necessary.

Have you read the 2025-2026 Governor’s Youth Commission Information Packet available here: [gyc.az.gov](http://gyc.az.gov)?

Yes  No

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

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

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Standing:  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
*For the 2025-2026 Academic Year.*

Home Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City, AZ: \_\_\_\_\_, AZ

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*The full name of the school district, and do not use abbreviations (put N/A if not applicable to your school).*

School Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Do you have an Instagram account?  Yes  No

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

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Do you have a Threads account?  Yes  No

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

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Do you have public speaking experience?  Yes  No

## **PART 2 – PARENT/GUARDIAN 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 3 – 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/or “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 qualities of a ‘leader’ and provide examples from either personal experience or observation. How do you see your leadership style contributing to the work of the GYC? 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 the five focus areas outlined below. Commissioners follow a project planning process designed to help them learn more about the specific issues within the focus areas affecting youth in Arizona 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 lead to address an identified issue of the focus area.
- Select from one of the ‘focus areas’ to identify a critical issue currently affecting 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 in the essay title and your word count at the end.
- Focus Areas: Service and volunteerism; conservation and/or environmental justice; domestic and/or teen dating violence; education; physical and mental health; and substance use.
- *Example title: “Project Planning: [Insert Focus Area]”*

## PART 4 – RESUME

*It must be typed.*

Instructions: Please include your typed resume.

## PART 5 – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

*It must be typed.*

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## PART 6 – ORIENTATION ATTENDANCE

*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 GYC member. The date of the GYC Orientation is scheduled for **Saturday, August 16, 2025**.

If the orientation plan and dates change and you have been selected to serve a GYC term, you will be informed accordingly.

Are you able to attend the in-person Orientation?       Yes                       No

*This concludes the application.*

