

# Office of Governor

**Doug Ducey**



## **Governor's Youth Commission**

Application for Membership  
2020-2021

Applications must be **RECEIVED** by

**July 22, 5:00 PM**

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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 challenges 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 2020-21 school year. The GYC is composed of members from all of Arizona's fifteen counties.

## **MEETINGS**

The GYC has four required meetings each term. These meetings are on Saturdays from 9 AM - 2 PM in Phoenix. There are also group phone calls five times a term on Wednesdays at 6 PM. Teens learn how to serve on a board, participate in committees, plan service projects and events and become leaders in their communities. Each year the group works on areas of focus such as, substance abuse prevention, education, human trafficking prevention, teen dating violence prevention and distracted driving prevention alongside other youth challenges where they can have an impact.

## **WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?**

- Leadership
- Serve vulnerable populations
- Find your passion and be inspired
- Create partnerships in your community
- Become a team player
- Participate in ethical decision making
- Build your resume
- Set goals and achieve them
- Gain public speaking skills
- Increase time management skills
- Learn conflict resolution
- Receive diversity and tolerance skill building
- Communicate professionally
- Enhance listening skills
- 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).

## **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.

## **COMMISSIONER REQUIREMENTS**

- Attend four in-person meetings a year, must arrive on time and be prepared.
- Participate in five conference calls per year, as well as one call per month for their committees.
- Actively participate in one sub-committee.
- Serve as a positive role model and adhere to a high code of conduct.
- Encourage and inspire other youth to serve.
- Enjoy networking and collaboration.
- Be a great listener, taking everyone's opinions into consideration.
- Conduct themselves professionally at all meetings, events, and on all social media.
- Take initiative in coordinating activities and leading community volunteer projects.
- Advance the work of GYC in coordination with GOYFF staff.
- Wear appropriate GYC attire when asked, a GYC polo will be provided to you.
- Follow curfew if and when overnight accommodations are provided.
- Ensure required forms on file with the GOYFF are current.
- Provide for their own transportation to all GYC meetings and events.
- 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. The interview will either be in person at the Capitol, or, for those unable to travel, via video conference.

When appointed, the GYC Orientation for all members is scheduled for August 15, 2020.  
**Attendance for this meeting is mandatory.**

**Application Forms and Requirements**

A complete application consists of:

- **Part I** – Contact information
  - **Part II** – Mini-essay
  - **Part III** – Signature page
  - **Part IV** – One letter of recommendation which can be from a teacher, faculty member or youth group leader
  - **Part V** – Resume
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- Must be a sophomore, junior or senior for the 2020-21 school year
  - Must be able to attend the GYC Orientation August 15, 2020

**Complete applications can be mailed, emailed or delivered in person by July 22, 5:00 PM**

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**Contact Information - Part I**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade during the 2020-2021 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Public/Private: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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.**

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| How active are you on social media? | Not Active | Active | Very |
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| Do you have a Facebook? | Yes | No |
|-------------------------|-----|----|

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| Do you have a Twitter? | Yes | No |
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If so, what is your twitter handle? \_\_\_\_\_

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| Do you have an Instagram? | Yes | No |
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If so, what is your username? \_\_\_\_\_

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| Do you have public speaking experience? | Yes | No |
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**Are you able to attend the GYC Orientation in Phoenix on August 15, 2020?** \_\_\_\_\_

**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, in 12 point font, and in Times New Roman font or the like.

1. What is the most critical issue facing youth in Arizona today and what would you suggest the GYC can do 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 2020-2021 term, 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 of Youth, Faith and Family, 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 2020-2021 term. 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. Please note that the letter of recommendation must be typed, double spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font (or the like) and on official letterhead if possible.



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**Resume - Part V**

Please include your detailed resume.