

Frequently Asked Questions/FAQs

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

1. What are the requirements to become a member of the Council?

A Council member can be of any age or background. The Governor selects individuals who have different geographic, cultural, personal and professional backgrounds. The Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions requires an online application detailing the applicant's skills, expertise, and any other characteristics relevant to an individual's potential for an appointment. Note: Federal regulations and the Council's Bylaws call for more than 50% of the appointments to be 60 years of age or older.

To apply on-line, go to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at:

<http://azgovernor.gov/bc/Application.asp>.

2. What are the types of issues that the Council handles?

The Council's purpose by statute is "to advise the Governor, Legislature and all State Departments which the Council deems necessary on all matters and issues relating to aging, including the administration of the State Plan on Aging." The Council's mission is to enhance the quality of life for older Arizonans. To that end, the Council works on priority issues that older Arizonans and aging advocates deem as important.

3. Do I have to be a member of the Council to participate in committees?

No, meetings of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging are open to the public, and members of the public are welcome to participate in any of the working committees.

Each committee is chaired by an appointed Council member and has a variety of Council and public members. If you wish to participate in the Council's work, call our office at (602) 542-4710 or email us at: gaca@az.gov.

4. What are the types of things that I will be involved in if I join a committee and what is the time commitment?

The work of the Council is primarily managed through two working committees. Currently, those are the **Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee** and the **Aging in Community Committee**. To learn more, see the committee description webpage.

Each committee meets up to two hours on the day they're scheduled. Depending upon the nature of the project underway, work may also take place outside the regularly-scheduled meetings through Ad Hoc or Sub-Committees. Being a member of the committee may mean helping to develop viewpoints, make recommendations to the Council and build strategies for programs, policies and upcoming events. Being a member of a committee is a wonderful way to stay informed on aging issues, engage in educational opportunities and network.

5. How many times a year does the Council and its committees meet?

The Council is scheduled to meet six (6) times a year and does not meet in August or during months when

major Council events are held (such as Senior Action Days).

6. How do you become a Council member?

If you are interested in being considered for membership on the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, you may apply online at the Governor's website <http://azgovernor.gov/bc/Application.asp> or request an application from Boards and Commissions by emailing: bc@az.gov. Your application will be reviewed for completeness and then submitted for the Governor's consideration. Appointments are made by Boards and Commissions when openings occur; applications are accepted year-round. Selection of members is not determined by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging members or staff.

7. What are the commitments of being a Council member?

Council members are required to attend Council meetings in Phoenix and to be an active member of at least one of the Council committees. You will need to arrange your travel to the meeting. Members may be compensated for travel (and lodging) expenses based on distance traveled to attend the Council meetings and specified Council events. Council members are obligated to attend the meetings for three calendar years which is the length of one term.

8. How many openings for Council membership are available each year?

Approximately one-third of the Council positions are open for appointment each year.

9. If appointed to the Council, how long will I serve?

Most appointments are for three years.

10. Where are the Council and committee meetings held?

Meetings are generally held in the State Executive Tower, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. However, other locations in the Capitol Complex are utilized when space in the Executive Tower is unavailable. Public meeting notices are posted on the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website at least 24 hours in advance at:
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>.

For additional information, please contact us by email at: gaca@az.gov or by phone at: (602) 542-4710.