



North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature Region G Application

The North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature (STHL) is a group of senior volunteers who provide information to senior citizens on the legislative process and matters being considered by the North Carolina General Assembly. Each of the 100 North Carolina counties is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the STHL. Currently, the STHL holds meetings three times a year in March, June, and October, usually in Raleigh, to study issues, hear from key resource persons and state officials, and develop recommendations to present to the North Carolina General Assembly for their consideration. Only Delegates vote on official STHL business at the state meetings; however, Alternates can vote if their Delegate is unavailable.

According to STHL bylaws, Delegates and Alternates are chosen by the Area Agency on Agency (AAA) that serves the county in which the STHL applicant resides. Delegates and Alternates serve a two year term, beginning in January of odd numbered years.

Expectations of Delegates and Alternates:

- Advocates with local, state, and federal public officials on behalf of seniors.
- Attends NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature meetings.
- Serves on STHL committees.
- Participates in their county Aging Planning Committee meetings.
- Attends Region G STHL meetings (3 - 4 times/year).
- Is knowledgeable about North Carolina's Aging Network.
- Is aware of issues affecting older adults in their county and across North Carolina.
- Provides information to the public in their county on senior issues through: informational booths at health fairs, group presentations, community forums, legislator forums, newspaper articles, radio shows, etc.

Qualifications:

- 60 years of age or older and resides in the county in which they serve.
- Genuine interest and concern for the aging population of North Carolina.
- Commitment and time to complete the responsibilities of this position.
- Willingness to communicate with public officials about needs, issues, and concerns affecting older adults in North Carolina.
- Must have email for communication purposes.

New Delegates and Alternates must attend STHL Training at the AAA and then a STHL Orientation session at a STHL meeting in Raleigh.

There is no financial support from the AAA for costs incurred through STHL activities. However, for those who qualify, the "Friends of the STHL" has limited funds to help with STHL meeting travel costs. Your county *may* also provide financial assistance.

To apply for appointment as a STHL Delegate or Alternate, complete the following pages.

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Application Form

North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature - Region G

I wish to be considered for: () Delegate or () Alternate

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County of Residence: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Employment Status -working (full or P/T) or retired, and field of current or former employment:

Describe your experience and knowledge relative to issues affecting older adults:

Describe any participation in groups or organizations for older adults and in councils or committees which advise or oversee programs which have an impact on older persons:

In the space below, describe any special skills or attributes which would enhance your effectiveness as a delegate or alternate to the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature:

By signing below, you commit to participating fully in STHL orientation and training, STHL meetings and other activities of the Senior Tar Heel Legislature.

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Return Form to: Bob Cleveland
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