

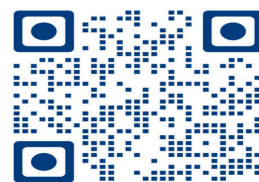


★ YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

NEW JERSEY YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.

Our Mission

To provide a highly disciplined, safe and professional learning environment that empowers youth to improve their education level, employment potential and become responsible and productive citizens of New Jersey.



Program Offerings

Instruction with certified educators.

Academic, life & job skills courses.

G.E.D. exam prep or High School credit acquisition.

Goal planning for employment or further education.



Program Benefits

Cadet growth in discipline, responsibility, interpersonal skills, leadership skills and positive work habits.

Presentations from Military & vocational professionals.

Visits to vocational events, workplace tours & career fairs.

Community service & outreach opportunities.



Program Structure

22-Week residential program

12 month post residential follow through

Quasi-military environment

Free Tuition



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Must volunteer to attend program.

16 to 18 years old.

Legal permanent resident of the United States.

At risk of not completing high school.

Must not be on parole, probation, or deferred disposition.

Must be free from felony charges or adjudications.

Must have proof of medical insurance coverage.

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What the program IS

A voluntary educational intervention designed to build social, emotional, work/study skills & community service

A Leadership program teaching discipline, values & positive self-image behaviors.

What the program IS NOT

A juvenile corrections program (jail)

A detention alternative (mandate)

Military consignment (enlistment)



Frequently Asked Questions

- Does my child have to want to come here / what if my child doesn't want to attend the Academy?
 - This is a voluntary program. They can choose to leave or can become dismissed.
- Do they get a GED or Diploma?
 - The G.E.D. is the name of the exam that tests general knowledge necessary for earning a high school diploma. Upon a passing score on the exam, cadets will receive a diploma.
- What do you need for my application?
 - After submitting a pre-application online, an admission specialist will reach out to you. They will provide you the material needed and explain the process. Make sure you have copies of important documents.
- What if they have a criminal record?
 - They must be free of all charges, not on probation and have no upcoming court dates pending.
- Do they get to come home / when do I see them?
 - This is a residential program, so the cadets will live on site for the duration of the program. Parents have an opportunity to see them on Family Day and mentors will make regular visits during the program.
- Do they have their phones and computers?
 - No. Phones are left with parents & computers are utilized for classroom purpose only, when needed.
- Is this a boot camp?
 - No. While structure and routines are implemented, this is not military training.
- Does submitting an application mean I'm accepted?
 - No, the application process has multiple parts that require a doctor and dental exam to be completed and reviewed.
- How old does my child need to be?
 - The program is designed for 16 - 18 year old students.
- Does my child have to join the military after attending the Academy?
 - No, although many do find it as a viable option upon completion, it is not required.
- Where do I find more information on the program and apply?
 - Scan the QR code or visit njyca.org.

