

KENTUCKY NATIONAL  
GUARD YOUTH  
CHALLENGE PROGRAM



# Appalachian Challenge Advantage

Academy Newsletter

SPECIAL INTAKE EDITION

JULY 2025

ACCEPT THE  
CHALLENGE!

THERE'S STILL  
TIME!

ACT NOW!!!!

Let us Challenge  
You!

CALL TODAY  
1-606-574-0303  
1-855-596-4927

"If you are the parent  
of a young person  
who is in need or you  
know someone you  
think needs help, this  
program just may be  
the answer."

## Challenge Accepted and Embraced: Class 027 has begun!

On 13 July 2025, the Appalachian Challenge Academy conducted intake of Class 027. The Academy will continue accepting applications for the current class through 17 July 2025, or until the class is filled. Jointly funded between the federal government and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and sponsored by the Kentucky National Guard, Youth ChallengeNge is designed to help youth, ages 15 1/2-18, get a jump start on life. The 22-week residential phase, along with the ChallengeNge curriculum covers extensive academic studies geared toward completing a high school diploma as well as physical fitness, leadership, and community awareness projects. The program is celebrating twenty years of service within the Commonwealth. More than 100,000 cadets have graduated from the program nationwide.

Basic qualifications for admission include:

- \* Applicants must be between the ages of 15 1/2 -18 upon Intake
- \* Free of illegal drugs
- \* A high school student who isn't adequately progressing towards completion or a high school dropout who has not received a secondary school diploma or GED certificate.
- \* Mentally and physically capable to participate
- \* Not under indictment or convicted of a felony offense



**The program is 100% free for qualified applicants.**



"For our n27th class, we have created a program that will become a launching point towards success for the cadets that walk our halls" said Josh Coldiron, Director of the Appalachian Challenge Academy. "Each Applicant comes to the Academy with a different background or situation, but we've proven that all they need is a little structure and encouragement to make a positive difference in their lives."

"If you are the parent or guardian of a young person who is in need or you know someone you think needs guidance, this program just may be the answer," said Coldiron.

To find out more about the Appalachian ChallengeNge Academy in Harlan, call 1-606-574-0303, 1-855-596-4927 or visit our website at [www.CHALLENGEACA.com](http://www.CHALLENGEACA.com)!



Do you know or are  
you.....

\* A teenage girl or boy  
15.5-18 years of age

\* At-risk of becoming  
a  
High School dropout?  
\* A teen who has traveled down  
the  
wrong path and is ready to  
make a

#### **POSITIVE CHANGE?**

\* A teen who wants to recover  
High  
School credits?

**ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS  
UNTIL July 17, 2025**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE;  
CHALLENGE YOUR-**

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