

# Appalachian ChalleNGe Advantage

Kentucky National Guard Youth Challenge Program

Academy Newsletter



SPECIAL INTAKE EDITION

JANUARY 2025

**ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!**

**THERE IS STILL TIME!**

**ACT NOW!!!!**

**Let us ChalleNGe You!**

**CALL TODAY  
606-574-0303  
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 026 has begun!

On 26 January 2025, the Appalachian Challenge Academy conducted intake of their 26th class. The Academy will continue accepting applications for the current class through 30 January 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 ChalleNGe is designed to help youth, ages 15 1/2 to 18, gain a better understanding of their potential, and to acquire skills that will propel them into their future.

The 22-week residential phase's ChalleNGe 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 decades of service within the Commonwealth. More than 100,000 cadets have graduated from the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program nationwide.

Basic qualifications for admission include:

- \* Applicants must be between the ages of 15 1/2 to 18 on arrival
- \* Free of illegal drugs
- \* A high school student who is not 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 upcoming 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 ChalleNGe Academy in Harlan, call 1-606-574-0303, 1-855-596-4927

or visit our website at [www.CHALLENGEACA.com](http://www.CHALLENGEACA.com)!

# Appalachian ChalleNGe Academy

Do you know or are  
you.....

- \* 15 1/2 to 18 years of age?
- \* At-risk of becoming or  
already 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?

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**ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS  
UNTIL**

**January 30, 2025**