

## Is the Academy for me?

Are you at risk of not graduating high school?

Do you lack direction about your future?

Are you ready to get into shape?



If you answered "YES!!" to these questions, then the **Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy** may be for YOU. Over

750 Florida teens apply annually for this program. ChalleNGe offers a wide variety of life skills and educational training to help teens make a fresh start.

**Take the ChalleNGe,  
Make the Change!**

## For more information or to apply

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Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy is operated through a cooperative agreement between the National Guard Bureau and the The Adjutant General. The program is a collaborative effort between the Florida Department of Education, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, The Florida Department of Children and Families, the Clay County School District, and the Department of Military Affairs (the Florida National Guard).



Florida's Leading  
Quasi-Military Academy

Since 2001, enabling  
Florida's youth to  
become successful,  
productive citizens.

## Program Length

The program is **17 ½ months long**. There are **two parts to the program**;



The first 5 ½ months is the residential phase where you live at the Academy.

During this time you will be attending classes to either earn your GED or earn make up credits to take back to your high school.

## PHASE 2



The second 12 months is the post-residential phase where you return home with the skills you have learned and work with your mentor to continue your goals

## Cost

### The Florida Youth Challenge

Academy is a state and federally funded program, and as such this program has **no tuition or monthly cost** to the participants.



## Am I eligible?

- Male or Female ages 16-18
- US citizen or legal resident
- Resident of Florida
- Can be a high school dropout
- No pending or open court cases
- Drug free on admission day
- Physically & mentally able
- Must volunteer for the program, be interviewed & attend an orientation



## Our Mission

To empower at-risk youth to become successful productive citizens, by **leading, training, and mentoring** them through a highly disciplined and motivational environment, free from outside distractions

## 8 Core Components

1. Academic Excellence
2. Service to the Community
3. Job Skills
4. Leadership/Followership
5. Life-Coping Skills
6. Physical Fitness
7. Health Education
8. Responsible Citizenship



## Mentoring

Cadets select a mentor of the same gender who is at least 25 years old to work with them through the entire program. The mentors will be screened and trained while the cadets are in the residential phase. The mentors can then help their cadets stay on track with their goals through the 12-month post-residential phase.