



**Georgia National Guard
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Dear Candidates, Parents, Guardians & Mentors:

Welcome to the Fort Gordon Youth ChalleNGe Academy! We look forward to working with you. Your first day with the Fort Gordon Youth ChalleNGe Academy is on **Monday, October 16, 2023. Please arrive fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled time. You should report to Columbia County Exhibition Center, 212 Partnership Drive, Grovetown, GA 30813, according to the map on Page B.** Candidate's arrival time is determined by the county where you live.

- Female candidates should report wearing **proper fitting** black slacks (no jeggings or leggings), a black belt, white polo style (school uniform) shirt, black socks, and all black running shoes. Please, no artificial hair, mini or micro braids. **Natural hair colors only or you will be turned away.**
- Male candidates will report wearing **proper fitting** black slacks, a black belt, a white polo style (school uniform) shirt, black socks, and black running shoes. **Hair must not exceed 1/8 inch** (military style).

No body piercing of any type. All body piercings must to be removed prior to reporting. Please see enclosed "uniform for social occasions" for specific details on dress code on page E.

Parents, please remember to bring your Candidate's official school withdrawal form and transcript if you have yet to turn it in.

You will also need to bring your current, non-expired, Georgia ID (driver's license or non-driver ID) or a valid Federal ID. These are the only forms of identification we can accept, as they are required for GED testing and are in accordance with the State Department of Technical and Adult Education guidelines. Candidates not in possession of a current Georgia ID or valid Federal ID will not be admitted.

Parents/guardians are required to apply for Georgia Medicaid coverage as a condition of enrollment into the program. This may be accomplished online: [www.https://gateway.ga.gov/](https://gateway.ga.gov/) or telephonically by contacting the Customer Contact Center at 877.423.4746. Please retain the tracking number provided.

Sincerely,

Jarvis Reid

Mrs. Jarvis Reid
Program Director

REPORTING MAP



CANDIDATE PACKING LIST (MALE AND FEMALE)

Mandatory Clothing (must be free from literature, language, or symbols promoting drugs, alcohol or with gang-related markings):

Please label all your items with your name prior to arrival.

- **Male** – Black Dress Slacks (1 pair, must be neat, fit properly, not baggy or tight fitting), 1 White Polo style Shirt
- Plain Grey Crew Neck T-Shirts (8, no V-neck or tank tops)
- Plain White, Black, or Gray Underwear (8 pairs) Boxers, Boxer Briefs or Briefs
- Plain Black Calf-Length Socks (8 pairs, no color bands) **NO FOOTIES**
- Long Thermal Underwear (3, Black)
- 1 Pair All Black running Shoes.
- 1 Pair of black rubber Shower Shoes (NO foam padding)
- Personal stationery and stamps
- 1 Black Leather Belt (non-woven with plain buckle).
- Prescription medicines in original bottle with original label (30-Day supply).
- Prescription glasses w/ clear lenses **NO CONTACT LENSES**
- Medical insurance information (copy of both sides of medical insurance card and SSN# of sponsor)

- **Female** – Black Dress Slacks, 1 White Polo style Shirt. 1 Pair All Running Shoes.
- Plain Grey Crew Neck T-Shirts (12, no V-neck or tank tops)
- Plain White, Black, or Beige (12 pairs Underwear brief, NO THONGS, or G-Strings).
- Long Thermal Underwear (3, Black)
- Sports Bras and regular bras (black, white, or beige) (4 each female only)
- Plain Black Calf-Length Socks (8 pairs, no color bands) **NO FOOTIES**
- 1 Pair All Black running shoes.
- 1 Pair of black rubber shower shoes (NO foam padding)
- Personal stationery and stamps
- Prescription medicines in original bottle with original label (30-Day supply)
- Prescription glasses w/ clear lenses **NO CONTACT LENSES**
- Medical insurance information (copy of both sides of medical insurance card and SSN# of sponsor)

Toiletry Items (Bring a Six-Week Supply)

- 1 Toothbrush/plastic toothbrush holder (no multi-pack)
- 2 Tubes of toothpaste
- 2 Deodorant (no spray cans, only roll-on or stick)
- Soap (3 packs.) and Soap Dish (1), or Body Wash
- ****Electric razor ** (No Trimmer). See Appendix H**
- Hair care items (shampoo, conditioner, hair spray in pump bottle, comb and brush, barrettes, and clips to match hair color only)
- Towels (3) and Wash Clothes (3), brown, black, or gray
- Chap stick (5 tubes) **NO LIP GLOSS**
- Sunscreen (30 SPF or better, two tubes or bottles) (seasonal)

CANDIDATE PACKING LIST (MALE AND FEMALE)

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- 2 Bottles of Lotion
- Foot Powder
- Fingernail Clippers with no nail file.
- Laundry Detergent Pods (Tide or preferred brand)

PROHIBITED!!! DO NOT BRING!!! LEAVE AT HOME!!!

- Cell phones
- Weapons (firearms, pocketknives, razor blades, mace, clubs, brass knuckles, any explosive devices)
- Tobacco or Tobacco products
- Vapes
- Lighters or Matches
- Jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, rubber bands, anklets, piercing or earrings)
- All Body Piercings (**must be removed prior to reporting**)
- Non-prescription medications (vitamin and food supplements included)
- Music or Media devices
- Head Bands, Durags, or Bandannas
- Posters or Poster Size Pictures
- Aerosol Cans of Any Kind
- Food of any Kind (including chewing gum or candy)
- Civilian or Street Clothing
- Make-Up
- Perfume or Cologne
- Hair Weave; Extensions
- Camera

***An inexpensive collapsible, cloth or duffle type bag is recommended for easier transport and storage.**

FEMALE & MALE CANDIDATE SOCIAL OCCASION UNIFORM

E

Female student Uniform

Male student Uniform

Conservate hairstyle.
NO HAIR COLOR
NO MAKE UP, EARRINGS,
NOSE RINGS OR BODY
PIERCING OF ANY TYPE

White Polo style
shirt. Short or long
sleeve

Black belt w/buckle

Black Slacks> No
leggin or jeggin

Fingemails:
Short Trimmed Neatly
NO NAIL POLISH

Black Socks (plain
with no designs)

All black tennis shoe



Military style Haircut

Clean Shaven Face

No earrings or
body piercing

White Pole style shirt.
Short or long sleeve

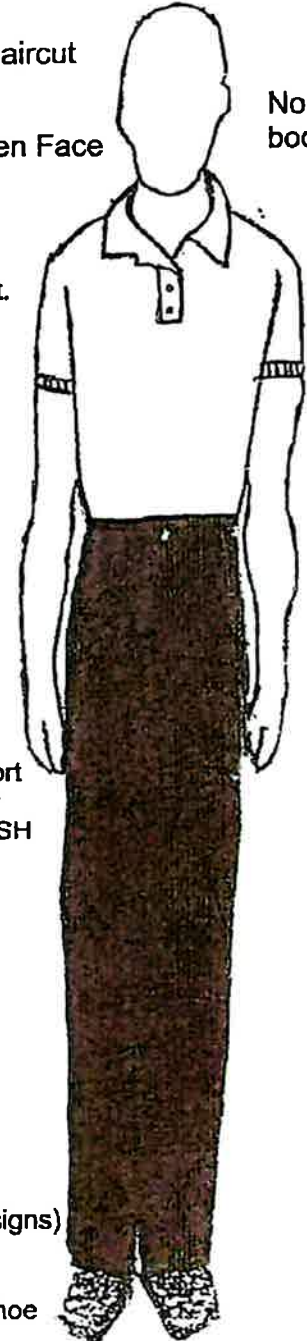
Black belt w/buckle

Fitted Black Pants
NO SAGGING

Fingemails: Short
Trimmed Neatly
NO NAIL POLISH

Black Socks
(Plain with no designs)

All black tennis shoe



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Mailing Address for Cadets:

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Platoon #
Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905**

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Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905**

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*****Effective October 27th, the name of the installation will change from Fort Gordon to Fort Eisenhower. Mail postmarked on or after the effective name change date will need to reflect Fort Eisenhower, Georgia 30905*****

Pass Dates & Sign Out/Return Information**Pass Sign Out****Friday, December 22, 2023**

Please ensure you pick up your cadet on campus between 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pass Return:**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

Cadets are due back on campus between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Airplane/Bus - If your cadet will be taking a bus/plane it is very important that you fax us a copy of the confirmation page, one week in advance of pass departure. The information should be emailed to the responsible platoon counselor. Please be sure to include the bus terminal or airport, arrival/departure time, confirmation #, etc.

For bus transportation, please schedule arrivals/departures from the Fort Gordon Bus Station. They can be reached at 706-793-0026.

For airline transportation, please schedule arrivals/departures from the Augusta Regional Airport.

Carpool - If your cadet is riding home with another cadet, we MUST have a letter from you (parent/guardian) that states you allow the cadet to ride with the other cadet (be sure to state the other cadets name & platoon #). We also need a letter from the other cadet's parent/guardian stating they will transport your cadet. Both letters are due in our office one week in advance of pass date.