

GA YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

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Georgia Youth Challenge Program Mission:

Through training, discipline, and mentoring, the Georgia National Guard Youth Challenge Program provides the education, leadership, character development, and life coping skills to Georgia's youth so they may become successful members of society.

GAYCP Information for Justice System Authorities

The Georgia National Guard Youth Challenge Program provides a "Second Chance" for Georgia's at-risk youth, 16 to 18 years of age, who have not yet graduated from high school, who are willing to make a life changing decision to volunteer for enrollment into this 22-week military-style residential program. At the Youth Challenge Academy, they will have the opportunity to earn their academic credentials (GED, High School diploma, or earn transferrable high school credit and return back to their high school).

GAYCP Eligibility Criteria:

- ◆ U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- ◆ Georgia Resident (Both males and females may apply)
- ◆ High School dropout between 16-18 years of age
- ◆ Voluntary enrollment
- ◆ Underemployed or Unemployed
- ◆ Drug Free (All cadets will be drug tested)
- ◆ Physically and mentally capable to participate in the program with reasonable accommodations for physical and other disabilities.
- ◆ Not currently on parole or probation for other than juvenile status offenses, not awaiting sentencing, not under indictment, accused or convicted of a felony. Cannot have any pending court dates once program starts.



Below are the approved statements to be included in any letter from a Department of Juvenile Justice office, a Probation Office or other legal authority for a candidate who has indicated their involvement with the judicial system. Choose the statement below that best meets the circumstances of the individual candidate for which you are recommending consideration for admission into the Georgia National Guard Youth Challenge Academy program.

"This youth is no longer on probation and is free from all involvement with the criminal justice system. Additionally, this youth was not convicted of a felony."

"This youth has not committed a felony and is on probation for a status offense only. While in attendance at Youth Challenge, the youth is not required to report to a Probation Officer, attend any court hearing, nor pay any fees. We request that Youth Challenge notify us upon satisfactory completion of Youth Challenge, or inform us if he/she leaves the program prior to graduation."

"This youth has not committed a felony and his case has been placed in abeyance pending completion of the Youth Challenge Program. While in attendance at Youth Challenge, the youth is not required to report to or attend any court hearings. This court requests that Youth Challenge notify us upon his/her satisfactory completion of Youth Challenge, or inform us if he/she leaves the program prior to graduation."

"This youth has committed a delinquent act but is not in need of treatment or rehabilitation and has been adjudicated as a Child in Need of Services (CHINS) pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-600 (e) ."

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