

GENERAL INFORMATION

- » Multi-phased intervention program targeting high school dropouts 15½ to 18 years of age
- » Structured, disciplined 5½ month Residential Phase focusing on education and life skills followed by a 12-month Post-Residential Phase utilizing trained Mentors supporting Graduates engaged in positive placement
- » 216,741 program Graduates since NGYCP inception in 1993 (including graduates from closed programs)
- » NGYCP has 37 Youth Challenge and 9 Job Challenge Programs in 29 states and territories with ~2,400 employees

THE CHALLENGE MODEL

- » Administered by the Department of Defense (DoD) and implemented by the National Guard Bureau (NGB)
- » Funded by Federal and State entities: Federal government contributes 75% and States contribute 25%
- » Utilizes military-like discipline & training along with educational instruction, experiential learning, & mentoring
- » Focused on improving education, life skills, discipline, and employment potential of participants
- » Based on eight core components: Academic Excellence, Life Coping Skills, Job Skills, Health and Hygiene, Responsible Citizenship, Service to Community, Leadership/Followership, and Physical Fitness

CHALLENGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- » Economically and educationally disadvantaged youth from within each program state, district, or territory
- » 15½ to 18-year-old high school dropouts or students who are at-risk of not graduating
- » Enroll voluntarily
- » Willing to be drug free
- » Not on parole or probation for other than juvenile status offenses, not indicted or charged, and free of felony convictions or capital offenses
- » Physically and mentally capable of program participation with reasonable accommodations for disabilities

THE JOB CHALLENGE PROGRAM (JCP)

- » Based on eight core components: Job Skills, Academic Achievement, Community Building and Outreach, Fitness for Life, Resiliency and Life Skills, Leadership and Followership at Work, Citizenship, and Healthy Living
- » Optional Job Skills Phase; utilizes the Challenge Model for NGYCP grads under the age of 21 in a flexible, 5-month Residential Phase where NGYCP Graduates pursue locally in-demand job certifications
- » 2,800 graduates since Job Challenge inception in 2015

YOUTH CHALLENGE STATISTICS FY93-FY24 // JOB CHALLENGE STATISTICS FY15-FY24

- » 513,377 NGYCP Applicants // 6,553 JCP Applicants
- » 293,514 NGYCP Enrollees // 3,776 JCP Enrollees
- » 216,741 NGYCP Graduates // 2,800 JCP Graduates
- » 283,177 NGYCP Credentials // 13,328 JCP Credentials (*NOTE: Credentials are defined as HS Equivalency Diploma, HS Diploma, HS Credit, College Credit, Job Certifications, and Apprenticeships*)
- » 13,766,954 Hours of Service to Communities valued at \$296,749,020 (*NOTE: Value based on national average per hour volunteer value: <https://www.independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-time/>*)

CURRENT YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAMS

1. AK – Alaska Youth Challenge Academy – JB Elmendorf-Richardson, AK
2. CA – Discovery Youth Challenge Academy – Sharpe Army Depot, Stockton, CA
3. CA – Grizzly Youth Challenge Academy – Camp San Luis Obispo, CA
4. CA – Sunburst Youth Challenge Academy – Los Alamitos, CA
5. DC – Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy – Laurel, MD
6. FL – Florida Youth Challenge Academy – Camp Blanding, FL
7. GA – Fort Eisenhower Youth Challenge Academy – Fort Eisenhower, GA
8. GA – Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy – Fort Stewart, GA
9. HI – Kalaeloa Youth Challenge Academy – Barbers Point NAS, Kapolei, HI
10. ID – Idaho Youth Challenge Academy – Pierce, ID
11. IL – Lincoln's Youth Challenge Academy – Rantoul, IL
12. IN – Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy – Knightstown, IN
13. KY – Appalachian Youth Challenge Academy – Gray's Knob, KY
14. KY – Bluegrass Youth Challenge Academy – Fort Knox, KY
15. LA – Training Center Pineville Youth Challenge Academy – Pineville, LA
16. LA – Camp Minden Youth Challenge Academy – Camp Minden, LA
17. LA – Gillis Long Youth Challenge Academy – Carville, LA
18. MD – Freestate Youth Challenge Academy – Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD
19. MI – Michigan Youth Challenge Academy – Battle Creek, MI
20. MS – Mississippi Youth Challenge Academy – Camp Shelby, MS
21. MT – Montana Youth Challenge Academy – University of MT Western, Dillon, MT
22. NC – Tarheel Youth Challenge Academy – New London, NC
23. NC – Tarheel Youth Challenge Academy – Salemburg, NC
24. NJ – New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy – Sea Girt, NJ
25. NM – New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy – Roswell, NM
26. NV – Battle Born Youth Challenge Academy – Carlin, NV
27. OK – Thunderbird Youth Challenge Academy – Pryor, OK
28. OR – Oregon Youth Challenge Academy – Bend, OR
29. PA – Keystone State Youth Challenge Academy – Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
30. PR – Puerto Rico Youth Challenge Academy – Fort Allen, Juana Diaz, PR
31. SC – South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy – McCrady ARNG Training Center, Eastover, SC
32. TX – Texas Youth Challenge Academy – Eagle Lake, TX
33. VA – Commonwealth Youth Challenge Academy – Camp Pendleton, Virginia Beach, VA
34. WA – Washington Youth Challenge Academy – Bremerton, WA
35. WI – Wisconsin Youth Challenge Academy – Fort McCoy, WI
36. WV – Mountaineer Youth Challenge Academy - North – Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV
37. WV – Mountaineer Youth Challenge Academy - South – Montgomery, WV

CURRENT JOB CHALLENGE PROGRAMS

1. CA – California Job Challenge Academy – Los Alamitos, CA
2. GA – Georgia Job Challenge Academy – Fort Stewart, GA
3. HI – Hilo Job Challenge Academy – Keaukaha Military Reserve, Hilo, HI
4. LA – Louisiana Job Challenge Academy – Gillis Long / Carville, LA
5. MI – Michigan Job Challenge Academy – Fort Custer, Battle Creek, MI
6. NM – New Mexico Job Challenge Academy – Albuquerque, NM
7. OK – Sooner Job Challenge Academy – Oklahoma City, OK
8. SC – South Carolina Job Challenge Academy – McCrady ARNG Training Center, Eastover, SC
9. WV – Mountaineer Job Challenge Academy – Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV

