

# YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

No-Cost Educational Opportunities for At-Risk Youth ages 16-18



**Personal Growth  
Self-Improvement  
Academic Achievement**



The Delaware National Guard, Delaware Department of Education, and the Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy have joined to provide Delaware youth, ages 16-18, with opportunities for personal growth, self-improvement, and academic achievement. The National Guard's Youth Challenge program is for high school dropouts, those no longer attending, and those failing in high school. The Youth Challenge program is a highly structured military styled, non-traditional educational environment that integrates training, mentoring, tough love, and diverse educational and extracurricular activities.

The Youth Challenge Academy is a 17-1/2 month program that offers at-risk youth the opportunity to get a GED after a 22-week in-resident program located in Laurel, MD. This program is an excellent opportunity for students that cannot conform to a traditional learning environment and are willing to learn but need discipline.

**Program requirements are as follows:**

Age: 16-18 years old

Legal: No violent or felony offenses and cannot currently have charges pending

Mental: No history of mental disorders

At-risk students: Students who dropped out or are in the process of dropping out of high school.

Information session briefings will be conducted on the below dates/times for those who want to learn more about the program.

## Learn more about this Opportunity \* Attend an Information Session

| NEW CASTLE   | KENT   | SUSSEX  | VIRTUAL   |
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| <b>Wednesday, May 19<br/>11:00 am</b>  | <b>Wednesday, Jun 9<br/>11:00 am</b>   | <b>Wednesday, Jun 23<br/>11:00 am</b>   | <b>Wednesday, Jun 30<br/>11:00 am &amp; 6:00 pm</b>             |
| <b>Biden National Guard/Reserve Ctr</b><br>Delaware National Guard, JFHQ<br>1 Vavala Way<br>New Castle, DE 19720 | <b>Smyrna Readiness Center</b><br>Delaware National Guard<br>103 Artisan Drive<br>Smyrna, DE 19977 | <b>Dagsboro Readiness Center</b><br>Delaware National Guard,<br>29757 Armory Rd<br>Dagsboro, DE 19939 | <b>Zoom</b><br>Register to receive the Zoom link<br>information |

## Enroll in the Youth Challenge Program at [www.cgycya.org](http://www.cgycya.org)

The Delaware National Guard is offering 10 seats in the upcoming class. There is no cost for tuition, room, or meals. The start date for the next class is October 11, 2021. Interested candidates should apply by September 15, 2021.

If you are unable to attend an info session, contact Mrs. Hughes to schedule a private appointment.

To register for an Info Sessions or learn more about the Program, please contact:

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