



National Guard Youth Foundation About ChalleNGe

At A Glance

- In 1993, as mandated by Congress, the National Guard formed the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program (ChalleNGe), a community-based program that educates, trains and mentors at-risk youth to help instill a sense of self-esteem, integrity, and character.
- ChalleNGe enhances life skills, education levels, employment potential and prospects for the future by providing the opportunity for participants to obtain their high school diploma, GED or return to high school.
- The program is available to 16-18 year old males and females who have dropped out of school.
- ChalleNGe is a 17-month voluntary program with a 5^{1/2}-month residential phase and a 12-month mentoring phase. At the conclusion of the residential phase, cadets receive a high school diploma, GED or have earned enough credits to return to high school.

Results

- Since 1993, more than 130,000 young Americans have received a second chance through ChalleNGe.
- According to an independent study by MDRC, participating in ChalleNGe increases:
 - High school diploma/GED attainment by 29%
 - College attendance by 86%
 - Annual earnings by 20%
- According to a cost-benefit analysis conducted by the RAND Corporation, every \$1 spent on ChalleNGe yields \$2.66 in benefits - a 166% return on investment.
- On average, 39% of ChalleNGe graduates continue their education, 47% join the workforce and 5% join the military.

The National Guard Youth Foundation (NGYF) supports ChalleNGe graduates.

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Locations

There are 35 ChalleNGe sites in 27 states, DC, and Puerto Rico:

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| Alaska | New Jersey |
| Arkansas | New Mexico |
| California (2) | North Carolina |
| District of Columbia | Oklahoma |
| Florida | Oregon |
| Georgia (2) | Puerto Rico |
| Hawaii (2) | Texas |
| Idaho | South Carolina |
| Illinois | Virginia |
| Indiana | Washington |
| Kentucky (2) | West Virginia |
| Louisiana (3) | Wisconsin |
| Maryland | Wyoming |
| Michigan | |
| Mississippi | |
| Montana | |