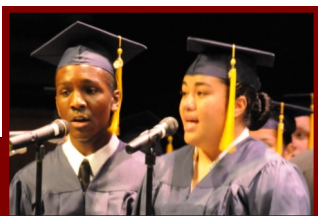


**“Over 92,850 cadets have graduated from 32 programs in the past 17 years. Remarkably, over 80% of these graduates -- former wayward high school dropouts -- have earned their GED or high school diploma while in the program.”**



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### **Directions to the Washington Youth Academy**

1. Take WA-16 W towards Bremerton.
2. WA-16 W becomes WA-3 N (Stay to the Left, head towards Silverdale/Poulsbo).
3. Take the 1st Exit- Loxie Eagans Blvd/Auto Center Blvd.
4. Turn Left on W Loxie Eagans Blvd.
5. Loxie Eagans Blvd. becomes W Werner RD.
6. Turn Left on Union Ave W.
7. Turn Right on St. Clair St.
8. Turn Right on Carver St. (parking lot).



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# About the Washington Youth Academy (WYA)

*The mission of the Washington Youth Academy is to provide a highly disciplined, safe, and professional learning environment that empowers at-risk youth to improve their educational level and employment potential and become responsible and productive citizens of the State of Washington.*



## Overview

The Washington Youth Academy is part of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program. Established under the authority of both federal (1993) and Washington State law (2007), the WYA is a state-run residential and post-residential program for 16-18 year olds who have dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out. There are currently 33 Youth Challenge programs operating in 28 states and Puerto Rico. Washington is the newest state to establish a Youth Challenge Program. The program is **FREE** for students residing in Washington State. The WYA holds two classes a year, starting in January and July.



## Eligibility Requirements

- Females and males, 16 to 18 years of age
- High school dropout or at risk of dropping out or deficient in credits.
- Legal resident of Washington and the United States
- Not currently on parole or probation for anything other than juvenile offenses
- No felony
- Drug free upon enrollment



**The WYA is FREE to Attend.**

## The Washington Youth Academy stresses Eight Core Components

- Academic Excellence
- Leadership and Followership
- Life Coping Skills
- Job Skills
- Service to the Community
- Responsible Citizenship
- Health and Hygiene
- Physical Fitness



## Three Phase Program

### 2 Week Pre-ChalleNGe Phase

Identify students who have the desire and discipline to complete the program. Students successful in completing the Pre-ChalleNGe phase enter the 20 week challenge phase.



### 20 Week Residential Phase

Structured quasi-military environment with emphasis in self-discipline, self-esteem, education, and development of healthy lifestyles. WYA provides students with the values, skills, and knowledge to retrieve up to 8 credits and return to their home high school or earn their GED.



The Bremerton School District provides credentialed academic staff to teach core academic subjects.

### 12 Month Post-Residential Phase

Graduates are matched with a mentor who assists with the creation of an action plan. Graduates work with a mentor who provides advice, guidance, and support for the next 12 months.

Mentors assist graduates in achieving post-graduation goals, i.e. school, job, return to high school, etc.

