



"I gave them 5 months.

They gave me a life I'm proud of."



ELIGIBILITY:

The Washington Youth Academy is cost free for families. It is sponsored by the Washington National Guard and located in Bremerton, Washington. Eligible Students must:

- Be behind in credits or at risk of dropping out of high school.
- Be 16 to 18 years old when the program begins.
- Be legally residing in the United States and the State of Washington.
- Be physically and mentally capable of completing the program.
- Be drug free upon enrollment.
- Not be under indictment or convicted of a felony.

SUCCESS:

Upon completion of the Residential Phase, over 90 percent of our students receive 8 credits that transfer to their high school and graduate . Overall, 80 percent are placed with education, trade school, universities or employment in the 12 months following. Seventy-five percent of our graduates are maintaining positive placement for years after graduation.



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Today's Challenge...

Tomorrow's Success!





STRENGTH is vital to success.



The mental strength to learn, physical strength to focus and personal strength to make sound choices.



At the Washington Youth Academy, we help 16 to 18 year olds find strength within themselves by focusing on eight core components that develop intellect, job skills, character, physical fitness and citizenship. We provide youth who may be at risk for falling behind or who may be uncertain of their future with an environment of possibilities for achievement and success.

The Washington Youth Academy consists of three phases: 1) 2-week Acclimation Phase, 2) 20-week Residential Phase and 3) 1 year Post Residential Phase. The Acclimation Phase helps ensure each student understands how the program works and what will be expected of him or her.

Upon successful completion of the Acclimation Phase, students begin the 20 week period that comprises the core of the program. Students live full time on the campus of the Washington Youth Academy in Bremerton, Washington. They attend academic classes, train physically, conquer team challenges, learn vital life skills and follow a structured daily routine.

The third and final phase of the program is post-residential Mentorship. All students are matched with a mentor who they have identified as a positive role model in their life. The mentor helps provide career, education and personal guidance for a minimum of one year following graduation from the Residential Phase. This supportive relationship is vital to long-term success.

The progress students make is transformative. Not every young person excels in a traditional educational environment. Students who excel at the Academy require a kind of intensive structure that allows them to maintain focus on developing their individual strengths.

Our physical fitness program is one reason many youth blossom at the Academy. There is a strong correlation between body and mind. Our program works to improve the physical health and nutrition habits of each student. This in turn supports focus in the classroom. It also develops self-esteem as students realize what they are truly capable of accomplishing.

Our focus on life skills is also key. We go well beyond the "3R's," teaching important values like integrity and respect. We create structured opportunities for leadership and team development. We help students become job and college ready, teaching them how to create resumes and conduct themselves in job interviews.

