



NM National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy
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Thank you for your interest in the NM National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy. Our program is a 22-week Residential, 12-month Post-Residential program, emphasizing structure and self-discipline, preparation to take the HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) college vocational courses (resulting in college credits earned), life and job skills, physical training and service to our communities.

We are NOT a “boot camp”, as this is VOLUNTEER program. We want our cadets to start and finish this very valuable training of their own free will. The life plans our cadets adopt throughout the course of a cycle will prepare them to: 1. Continue their education, 2. Obtain full time employment, or 3. Join a military service. All these choices will serve them in becoming a successful, productive citizen in their community. THERE IS NO MILITARY OBLIGATION FOR ENROLLEMENT INTO THE NM NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE.

This training is open to United States Citizens, who are residents of the State of New Mexico. Applicants must be between the ages of 16-18 at the start of the program cycle. We offer 2 cycles per year with start dates in January and July. As of this date, the New Mexico Youth ChalleNGe Academy has graduated over 2,000 cadets from all over the state. Our program is FREE to applicants as we are state and federally funded.

Training is strict, with very little tolerance for non-compliance. We have a quasi-military structure, which means our cadets wear uniforms, march in formation and follow basic military rank structure and customs and courtesies. The first two weeks, which is called “ACCLIMATION”, is the most difficult portion of the program as it takes the cadet out of their comfort zone, and starts to develop self-discipline and the motivation to change their lives by challenging them mentally and physically. The main reason cadets drop out in this phase is due to being homesick. Family encouragement and support is vital during this time. During these first two weeks, cadets go through strenuous physical conditioning, drill and ceremony, in which cadets learn to march in formation, and are given classes on the policies and procedures that will prepare them for life at NMYCA and beyond.

Once Acclimation is over, those cadets who have met the challenge, will then “TRANSITION” from CANDIDATES to CADETS. This begins their new lives as a new person. They will then begin their HiSET, Vocational, and Job and Life Skills classes for the next 20 weeks.

Program orientations and candidate interviews will be conducted all over the state to answer any questions you may have or to submit an application. The interview is designed to assess the interest and dedication an applicant is willing to make when submitting an application. Class size is limited, so

it is very important that complete applications and interviews are done to ensure your spot is reserved.

To get up-to-date information on orientations in your area, please visit our website at www.nmyca.net, or call 575-347-7600 to speak to a recruiter.

Again, thank you for your interest and we look forward to meeting and working with you.

Respectfully,

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Applicant Data

Applicant's Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Date of Birth mm/dd/yy	Age	Gender – Circle One	Social Security Number	County	
/ /		Male Female			
Are you a citizen of the United States? Circle One		If you are not a U.S. Citizen, Please indicate status – Circle One		Are you a resident of New Mexico? Circle One	
Yes No		Legal Resident Work Permit		Yes No	

Do you speak any language other than English?	YES NO	If yes, what language is preferred?

Applicant's Residence Data

Name of Person(s) Applicant Lives With		Relationship to Applicant			
Street Address	Apt. No.	City	State	Zip Code	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Alternate	Alternate		
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Applicant's Mailing Address--Only if different from residence					
P.O. Box or Street Address		City	State	Zip Code	

Applicant's Personal Data (Circle one)

Applicant's Marital Status:	Single	Married	Separated	Divorced
Does Applicant have children:	Yes No	If yes, how many:		

**The New Mexico National Guard Youth Challenge Academy does not provide day care for dependents. If I am accepted, I understand that I am still liable for their care. I certify that I will arrange for proper and safe care for my dependants(s). if I am selected to participate in this program.

Parent / Legal Guardian Information (Information still needed if applicant is 18)			
		Father/Guardian Information	Mother/Guardian Information
	Name		
	E-mail		
Address			
City, State, Zip-Code			
Home Phone		Cell	Cell
Work Number			
If parents are divorced, who has custody (Joint / Sole)			
If parents are divorced and have JOINT custody, please list address of other parent for joint mailings regarding applicant			
Emergency Contact: Other than parents/legal guardian			
		Contact #1	Contact #2
	Name		
	Relationship		
	Phone #		
	Address		
	City/State/Zip		
Authorized for Pick-Up: Other than parents/legal guardian			
<i>Parent/Guardian will be asked to provide additional names to "Authorized for Pick-Up" list at in-processing.</i>			
This person(s) must be 21 years of age and will be required to show picture ID at the time of pick-up.			
		Designated Adult #1	Designated Adult #2
	Name		
	Relationship		
	Home Phone		
	Address		
	City/State/Zip		

I/we, the Parent(s)/Legal Guardians of the applicant, do agree to support our child's decision to better his/her life by applying to the NM Youth Challenge Academy. We will assist him/her by attending the **orientation/interview session**. We will also assist the applicant in retrieving the necessary documents/information that may be required by the NM Youth Challenge Academy.

Father / Legal Guardian Signature	Date
Mother / Legal Guardian Signature	Date
Applicant Signature (if 18yo)	Date

Applicant Health Data

Are you in good health? Yes _____ No _____
If no, explain briefly:

Are you allergic to anything? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, list "things" you are allergic to:

Do you have any medical problems that could keep you from participating in any physical activity?
If yes, explain briefly (illnesses, injuries, accidents, etc.): Yes _____ No _____

***Must be cleared by physician to participate**

Are you currently taking medications? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, list medication(s) and purpose:

Have you ever been in a mental or drug treatment center? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please list date(s) and facility name.

***Record of treatment/counseling will be required.**

Do you require a special diet? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, explain:

Do you have any current dental issues / problems? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, give brief explain:

When was your last dental examination?
What was it for?

I understand that a current physical examination is required and will submit a completed Medical Packet, which shall include a complete physical examination, eye and dental exams and immunization record.

I understand that I will be dismissed (released) if I incur any illness or injury which prohibits me from participating in this program. I understand that I will be eligible to reapply for future classes when the illness or injury is corrected/cured. I also understand that my physician's written clearance must accompany any future application(s) that I might submit to the NM National Guard Youth Challenge Academy.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Father / Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Mother/ Legal Guardian Signature

Date

NM National Guard Youth Challenge Academy

(Please complete in ink)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I/We, the parent/legal guardian of, (APPLICANT NAME)

Applicant Last Name

Applicant First Name

Applicant Middle

Hereby appoint the staff of the NM National Guard Youth Challenge Academy, located at 131 Earl Cummings Loop, Roswell, NM, to serve as my true lawful attorney(s)-in-fact to do the following in my name and on my behalf for the applicant listed above. My attorney(s) in-fact shall have the power to make any and all decisions regarding the following items:

1. Health, Mental, Dental and Vision treatment(to include dispensing of prescription and/or over the counter medication).....initial _____
2. Banking Transactions (local account opened for the applicant during residential phase, to include obtaining a NM ID if necessary)..... initial _____
3. Participate in all Academy activities (rappelling, aircraft rides to include military, ground transportation, various off-campus activities, extreme physical activities, weight training).....initial _____
4. To request all records to include juvenile, school, medical/counseling.....initial _____
5. Permission to test for any exams the Academy deems necessary(GED, Drug, physical & academic testing)initial _____
6. Transportation of applicant (NMNGYCA sponsored activities, medical, disciplinary resulting in commercial transportation to his/her home of record for which parent/guardian is responsible for payment)..... initial _____

This Power of Attorney shall expire after the 22 week residential phase is completed or applicant withdraws/is dismissed from the NMNGYCA.

Father/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Mother/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Applicant Signature (If 18yo)

Date

NOTARY

State of New Mexico, County of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__

By _____.

Notary Signature

Comm. Expire

**Both parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign if living with or having joint custody of the above named applicant.

Law Violations

(Answer all questions by checking YES or NO)

- A. Have you ever been arrested, charged, cited or held by law enforcement or juvenile authorities? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain in box below.
- B. Have you ever been convicted or adjudicated as a youthful offender or juvenile delinquent? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain in box below.
- C. Do you currently have any pending charges against you? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain in box below.
- D. Are you currently on parole or probation? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain in box below.
- E. Have you ever been convicted or adjudicated for a crime considered a **felony** if committed by an adult? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain in box below.

Law Violation Explanation

If you answered "YES" to questions A through D, explain each incident below. Include all incidents with law enforcement authorities even if the citation or charge was dropped or dismissed or you were found not guilty. If necessary, attach a separate sheet to this application.

Date	Nature of Offense or Violation	Place	Penalty Imposed/Disposition

Probation/Parole Officer

If you are CURRENTLY on probation, please provide JPO information

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	

***If you are on probation, you must attach a copy of your chronological history in order to have your application considered.**

To the best of my knowledge, I have answered all of the above statements truthfully.

_____ Applicant's Signature

_____ Date

New Mexico National Guard Youth Challenge Academy Parent/Guardian Statement of Understanding

- 1) I/We have read and answered the questions in this application truthfully and to the best of our knowledge. I/We understand that any **FALSIFIED** information will **VOID** this application.
- 2) I/We am/are aware that the NM National Guard Youth Challenge Academy will be physically and mentally demanding.
- 3) At this time, the applicant is in good health, is drug free, and is not actively involved in the legal system or currently enrolled in school.
- 4) I/We understand if I/We am/are not able to transport the applicant to NMNGYCA for in-processing, that whoever transports in my place has my permission to sign any NMNGYCA documents on my behalf.
- 5) I/We understand that if the applicant leaves the Youth Challenge Academy Facilities without proper authorization (AWOL), I/we will not hold the Academy liable for the well-being of the applicant. I/We will be notified within a reasonable time of such an occurrence. The applicant will also be reported to the Roswell Police Department as a "runaway".
- 6) I/We understand that if the applicant is returned home within 24 hrs of the runaway report, NMNGYCA is no longer responsible for the applicant and the "POWER of ATTORNEY" (pg 5) will be terminated.
- 7) I/We agree that if the applicant "runs away" from the program, it is our responsibility to make arrangements within 30 days to pick up his/her personal belongings. If arrangements are not made, personal items will become property of NMNGYCA to include \$120 money order.
- 8) NMNGYCA is only responsible for communicating with the parent/guardian listed as that with whom applicant lives. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to keep other parents and/or family informed of the information regarding the applicant.

Applicant's Signature	Date
Father's/Legal Guardian's Signature	Date
Mother's/Legal Guardian's Signature	Date

The following information is needed for academy reporting purposes only.
This will not affect selection of the applicant!

- A. What is the total income for your household last year? Please include such things as job wages, pensions, Social Security benefits, retirement income, child support, alimony, unemployment compensation, AFDC, general assistance, welfare, SSI and SSDI payments.

Please check one only:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,001 - \$45,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,001 - \$25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than \$45,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001 - \$35,000 | |

- B. How many people are in your household? _____

- C. What is your (applicant) race/ethnicity?

- | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> White | | |

- D. Where did you hear about our academy? Who referred you?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probation Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> National Guardsman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past Graduate of Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |



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**USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION
RELEASE FORM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This form is to request your authorization to use your cadet’s photos and/or personal testimonials for various publications used by New Mexico National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy (NMNGYCA).

During the course of the cycle that your son/daughter is a cadet at NMNGYCA, his/ her photo will be taken. These photos will be used for various publications, such as the cycle yearbook, NMNGYCA Website, and recruiting fliers.

I, the parent/guardian of Cadet _____ hereby **AUTHORIZE** NMNGYCA to use my cadet’s photos.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

OR

I, the parent/guardian of Cadet _____ **DO NOT AUTHORIZE** NMNGYCA to use my cadet’s photos.

Printed Name

Signature



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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK INK

PURPOSE: In order to properly process your application, there may be a need to confirm or clarify personal information you have provided with outside agencies. This form authorizes us to contact those agencies and exchange information, if necessary, to ensure your application can be properly reviewed for acceptance.

Applicant Full Name	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
City & County of Current Residence	

Authorization to Release Information

I hereby authorize the State of New Mexico, it's counties, it's cities, and it's agencies, including school districts and treatment program facilities, to submit and/or exchange all pertinent information with the New Mexico National Guard Youth Challenge Academy (NMNGYCA) regarding, but not limited to the following: school attendance and grades, substance abuse history, juvenile referral history, court status, family or social services interventions, documented medical conditions, and any other information requested by the NMNGYCA relevant to the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of the above named applicant.

I understand that these records are protected under State and Federal confidentiality laws and regulations and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in the regulations. NMNGYCA is in compliance with the most prominent of federal protections for participant privacy including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Also known as the "Buckley Amendment", FERPA protects the confidentiality of student records to some extent, while giving students the right to review their records.

I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time except to the extent that action has been taken. This consent automatically expires thirty-six (36) months from the date my application is submitted, I am accepted and enrolled and/or dismissed from the program.

By signing below, you authorize the Recruiting & Admissions staff to request information about you from outside agencies. Please note failure to disclose information or refusal to sign release could delay your acceptance.

 Applicant Printed Name

 Applicant Signature Date

 Parent/Guardian Printed Name

 Parent/Guardian Signature Date