

MENTORING PROGRAM

Commonwealth Challenge Youth Academy

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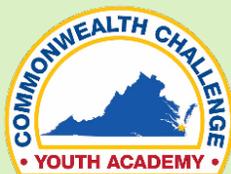
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WHO WE ARE

We are a program that responds to the civil mission of the United States National Guard. This program is based on mentors and is aimed at young people who are, or are at risk, of becoming school dropouts.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to intervene in the lives of 16-18 year old teenagers by providing the values, skills, education, and self-discipline needed to produce responsible, productive citizens, and to do so in a highly structured learning environment.

TARGET AUDIENCE

We are looking for distinguished candidates and volunteers who wish to donate their time supporting a young man to achieve his goals and objectives in our academy. Volunteering is a great way to learn something new and gain satisfaction working to achieve a meaningful cause in a young person. The mentors will have the support of the Challenge Department's Mentoring and Counseling team.

MENTOR MATCHING

The application and the match process includes completing all the requirements of the Mentor Application Package, complete two trainings (one of them will be online). Additionally, a background check and fingerprints will be conducted at Camp Pendleton in Virginia Beach by appointment. All of our procedures and requirements are free to the mentor.

SESSION LOGISTICS

This program comprises twenty-two (22) residential weeks and twelve (12) month post-residential months. During the residency, the mentor will develop a relationship of trust and strengthen communication and commitment to his cadet. In the post-residential phase, the mentor will continue to offer support and follow-up to the cadet.