KENTUCKY YOUTH CHALLENGE

STUDENT APPLICATION



Thank you for your interest in Kentucky Youth Challenge Our classes begin every January and July. This is a chance of a LIFETIME!!



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We accept applications on a first come first served basis we urge you to get your application submitted as soon as possible. The classes fill up very quickly please do not wait until the last minute.



Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy 114 Conroy Ave. Bldg. 5549 Fort Knox, KY 40121 1-877-599-6884 http://www.bcachallenge.com vicky.a.newton.nfg@army.mil

Eligibility requirements for our program:

- 16, 17, or 18 years of age upon entry (have to be 16 years old by graduation date)
- A youth who is failing in school, no longer attending school **and** who has not received a high school diploma or GED
- No felony convictions
- Resident of Kentucky (non-state residents require prior approval)
- Mentally and physically capable to participate in the program
- Volunteer to attend program
- Be free of illegal drugs (Candidates will be tested for drug use)
- Unemployed or underemployed

Directions and packing list will be forwarded after acceptance has been established to the program.

Application Instructions-Read Carefully If you have questions about filling out the application, please contact the Academy. We recommend that you keep a copy of your entire application. NOTE – Application should not be signed until in the presence of an admissions coordinator Notary will be completed at your interview.

By typing my name in the boxes below I am offering my digital signature in lieu of my handwritten signature. I understand that my digital signature carries the same legal bindings as my handwritten signature. Int. ____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST Incomplete applications will not be accepted!

 Eminence Schools Statement 4-5. Applicant & Parent/Legal Guardian information sheet 	Initial: Initial:			
6-7. Report of Medical History (Include documentation or expla	in questions 10 & 11)	Initial:		
8. Report of Medical History (Part 2)	Initial:			
9. Insurance Information	Initial:			
10. Legal Information (Law Violations)	Initial:			
11. Special Power of Attorney for the Authorization of Medical C Medical Expense Statement	are and Initial:			
12. Certificate of Understanding and Release of Liability	Initial:			
13. Acknowledgment of Legal Custody &Drug, Alcohol, Preg	nancy and HIV Testing	Initial:		
14. Release of Information Form	Initial:			
15. Workers Comp, Privacy Act, Unauthorized Absence & Acknowledgment of App.				
16. Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe WellFront Counseling Survey		Initial:		
Copy of Official Birth Certificate (do not send original) Copy of Social Security Card (do not send original) Copy of Immunizations/ Shot records (do not send original)		Initial:		
Copy of Front and back of Medical Insurance Card(s)	Initial:			
Tetanus needs to be up to date (Meningacoccal) booster dose (Age: 16 years) and Hep A must be current				
Copy of High School Disenrollment Form				
Copy of High School Transcript Must be on hand not later than D	Day 15			

Dental work, eye exams, and medication needs should be taken care of before coming to Kentucky Youth Challenge.

- * Prescription Medication will not be accepted if it is older than 30 days
- * Do not send vitamins or over the counter medicine
- * If applicant takes medication, he/she must come with a 30 day supply

Vision

All children are worth fighting for, and Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy (BCA) is an environment where a partnership between the Kentucky National Guard and Eminence Independent will foster the highest educational environment for the students attending.

Educational Endeavor

Students enrolled in BCA receive educational services through Eminence Independent, a public school. Due to the nature of the program, online courses are the vehicle for educational instruction. Currently, EDGENUITY is the learning platform which is used and courses are assigned to the student that will help them gain credit during their time in the classroom.

Educational Rights

The BCA Acceptance Board handles admission into BCA. Once a cadet is accepted to the program and meet the qualifications of BCA, the student is then eligible to have their educational needs met through Eminence Independent Schools. The students in attendance are attending a public school. Procedural safeguards and the law as pertaining to IDEA and ESSA are consistent at Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy.

<u>Timelines</u>

When students enter the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program, there is a 2 week "Acclimation Period" where cadets are readying their minds and bodies for the demands of behavior modifications that many will find beneficial. Students attending this program, have often had truancy or behavioral infractions at their schools previously attended. This highly structured program, builds character and helps to foster skill sets and tools that will help them to succeed in the real world. After the acclimation period ends, students are ready to begin their educational journey. At this point, classes begin and they become members of Eminence Independent School System for approximately 95 days.

ARC Meetings and IEP Documents

Admissions Mentoring Placement Coordinators (AMP's) are the liaisons between families and BCA. It is important to let the AMP's know if your student has an active IEP and they currently receive services from the school district previously attended. These documents can be given to the AMP's to facilitate identification so once enrolled in Eminence Independent School, they can have the continuum of services met. If the student is from out of state, an ARC meeting will be held and an IEP developed. The previous IEP can be consulted by the special education staff to provide guidance on the services needed to best suit each child. Often, IEP's might have to be modified to specify the special education setting, the least restrictive environment, modifications, and special education services.

I have read and understand the above information:

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date of Signature

APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

Applicant's Information: Print Clearly and	l fill in ALL of the information
Today's Date:	Social Security#
Have you applied here before Yes	No If Yes, when:
Last Name	First Name MI
Date of BirthAge:	Gender: Male Female
Last Public School Attended	
Last Day of Attendance	
Are you employed? Yes No	If Yes, Occupation
Ethnicity (Must Check One)	ican Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander
Black Hispanic White	Religion
Married Yes No	Number of Children
Are you currently free from illegal drugs a	and/or alcohol: Yes No
Applicant's Contact Information	
Home Phone	Email
Address	
City Co	unty State
Zip	
	(applicant) is not a high school graduate, does not have an
alternative certificate or GED nor is currently atte	ending school(initial) or the last day of attendance will
be(date)(initial).	

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION SHEET

<u> Parent/Guardian Information</u>		
<u>A.</u> <u>Relationship to Applicant</u> :		
Last Name	First Name	MI
Home Phone	Work Phone	
Cell Phone	Email	
Address		
City	County	State
Zip		
Is this Person Authorized for picku	p? Yes No	
Legal Guardian? Yes	No Emergency Contact?	Yes
<u>B.</u> Relationship to Applicant:		
Last Name	First Name	
Home Phone	Work Phone	
Cell Phone	Email	
Address		
City	County	State
Zip		
Is this Person Authorized for picku	p? Yes No	
Legal Guardian? Yes	No Emergency Contact?	Yes No

REPORT OF MEDICAL HISTORY

Last Name	First Name	MI
	LT IN DENIAL OF EN	ICABLE FAILURE TO DISCLOSE ROLLMENT OR TERMINATION
1. Statement of Health: Good	Fair Poor	
Explain		
2. Current Medication(s) Please give name of medication, dosa medication.	nge of medication, and tir	ne given. Use a new line for each
 3. In the past two years, has the applied (DO NOT include over-the-counter r Yes No If Yes, list what type and why the apple 4. Allergies (INCLUDE INSECT BITI 	nedication & antibiotics th licant stopped taking the n	hat he/she is no longer taking) nedication:
5. Ht Wt	Eve Color	Hair color
6. Physician Name:		
 Psychiatrist/Psychologist Name: 		
		Last Exam:
	Orthodontist Name and for an illness or injury	d Ph#Yes No

*11. Have you ever consulted or been treated by a psychiatrist, psychologist, therapist,
and/or counselor? Yes No
If yes, please choose one: Comp Care Private Practice Other
Name/Phone Number:
Reason:
*12. Have you been hospitalized in the last 12 months for any illness, injury, and/or mental disorder? Yes No If yes: Date:
**13. Have you had a broken bone in the last 6 months? Yes No If yes: Date:
If so, describe what happened:
14. Glasses? Yes No Optometrist Name and Ph#
 15. Has the child ever threatened or attempted suicide? YES NO When did this occur? Did the child recieve treatment? YES NO

*Note: If you answered "YES" questions 12 and 13, and it has been in the last 12 months, all records must be sent with your application

******If you answered yes to question 15 you must provide a doctor's release with your application

REPORT OF MEDICAL HISTORY

Last]	Name:		First Name		
MICHECK ALL OF THE ITEMS THAT APPLY NOW OR THAT YOU HAVE EVER					
			THE CONDITION IS WITH D OUTSIDE OF 12 MONTH		LAST 12 MONTHS. SELECT
P / C		P / C	D OUTSIDE OF 12 MONTE		A31/C = CURRENT
P / C		F / C		P / C	
	Thyroid trouble/goiter		Eye/ear/nose/throat trouble		Adverse reaction to medication
	Bone/joint deformity		Frequent indigestion		Chronic/frequent colds or coughs
	Skin disorders		Pregnant at this time		Depression or heavy weeping
] Sinusitis/hay fever		Paralysis		"Trick" knee/shoulder/elbow
	Tumor/growth/cyst/cancer		Nose bleeds		Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
	Lameness or neuritis		Behavior Disorder		Oppositional Defiant Disorder
	Nervous disorder		Stomach/intestinal		Sexually Transmitted Disease
	Bi-Polar		Epilepsy/seizures/fits		Asthma/shortness of breath
	Broken bones		Gall bladder trouble		Treated for female disorders
	Rupture/hernia		Jaundice/hepatitis		Severe tooth or gum trouble
	Rectal disorder		Motion Sickness		Change in menstrual cycle
	ADD/ADHD		Bleeds easily		Painful/frequent urination
	Coughed up blood		Arthritis/rheumatism		Dizziness/fainting spell
	Anemia/Sickle Cell		Recent gain/loss of weight		Palpitation/pounding heart
	Attempted suicide		Liver disorder/disease		Kidney stone/blood in urine
	Leg/feet cramps		Frequent trouble sleeping		Frequent/severe headaches
	Recurrent back pain		Diabetes/hypoglycemia		Loss of finger/toe/arm/leg
	Knee brace/back support		Had 1 or more children		Sugar/albumin in urine
] Head injury		Eating Disorder		Heart trouble/murmur
	Swollen or painful joints		Unconsciousness		High/low blood pressure
	Bedwetting since age 12		Sleepwalker		Speech Impairment
	Scarlet/Rheumatic fever		Loss of Memory/Amnesia		Hearing Impairment
	Tuberculosis				7

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Insurance Information: Include copy of front and back of insurance card.

Medical			
Subscriber's Name:			
Subscriber's birthday:			
Subscriber's place of work:_			
Insurance Company Addre	ss:		
Pharmacy			
FSA Card	HRA Card	Pharmacy Card	
Card #	ID #	RX Group #	
PCN #	RX Bin #	Pharmacist Call #	
Dental			
Dental Insurance Company	V Name:		
Dental Insurance Phone:			
Dental Insurance ID:			
Vision			
Vision Insurance Company	V Name:		
Vision Insurance ID:			

LEGAL INFORMATION

Last Name:	First Name:	MI	
1. Have you ever been arrested If you answered "No", go to	l and/or charged with a crime? the next page	Yes	No
2. If you answered "Yes" to qu	uestion #1, please complete the follo	wing:	
Date:			
Place of Offense: City	County		State
Offense/Violation:		Misdemeano	r Felony
Name & Location of court:			
Penalty Imposed/Disposition_			
CDW: Name		Phone	
Date:			
Place of Offense: City	County		State
Offense/Violation:		Misdemeand	or Felony
Name & Location of court:			
Penalty Imposed/Disposition_			
CDW: Name		Phone	
Date:			
Place of Offense: City	_County		State
Offense/Violation:		Misdemeand	or Felony
Name & Location of court:			
Penalty Imposed/Disposition_			
CDW: Name		Phone	
3. Are you Currently awaiting	g a hearing or sentencing?	Yes No	
4. If you are awaiting a hearin	g or sentencing, what is the schedu	led date/time and city/co	ounty?
DateTime	eCity	Cour	ıty

<u>SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY AUTHORIZING MEDICAL CARE</u> <u>& EXPENSES (TO BE NOTARIZED)</u>

Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact for Obtaining Health Care

That I	as parent/legal guardian of,
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Guardian (or Applicant if 18 years of age)

Applicant's Printed First and Last Name)

A Cadet of the Kentucky Youth Challenge Academy, appoint the Kentucky Youth Challenge Academy, and its authorized agents, as my attorney-in-fact for purposes of obtaining health care; medical treatment; and /or psychological treatment for the benefit of the cadet.

<u>Authorization for Treatment by Youth ChalleNGe Academy Medical Staff</u> – Specifically, I acknowledge the medical staff at Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe Academy consists of a Registered Nurse, a Licensed Practical Nurse and a contracted Medical Director. Determinations regarding appointments, administering treatments, medications, approved diagnosis and all other actions approved by the Medical Director will be carried out by the nursing staff in accordance with the laws of the State of Kentucky.

Authorization for Treatment by Medical Care Providers – Further, I specifically authorize Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe Academy to act in loco parentis for the cadet to obtain the medical care and medical treatment deemed advisable or necessary to benefit and/or maintain the health of the cadet. I intend for the Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe Academy to perform any and all acts as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could if were personally present: to authorize and provide for the care, maintenance, well-being and health including, but not limited to, authorizing any and all medical and hospital care and treatment, regardless of whether on an emergency basis, including major surgery deemed necessary by a duly licensed staff physician at any hospital whether within or without the territorial limits of the State of Kentucky.

<u>Authorization for Distribution of Medication by Youth ChalleNGe Cadre</u> – Further, I specifically authorize Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe Academy Cadre, under the instruction and supervision of Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe medical staff, to distribute over-the-counter and prescription medications to the cadet in accordance with those times and dosages set forth by the prescribing practitioner and/or the medical staff of the Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe Academy.

Intent to Hold Harmless – It is my intent that the Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe Academy and its lawful agents, cadre, the medical facility and any doctors, nurses and other medical personnel involved in providing care or advice shall have no civil or criminal liability for honoring my wishes as expressed in this designation or for implementing the decisions of my attorney-in-fact.

<u>Medical Expense Statement of Understanding</u>- I acknowledge the Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe Academy **DOES NOT** pay for medical expenses incurred by the cadet if the injuries/illnesses are caused by cadet participating in a non-sanctioned Youth ChalleNGe activity and I acknowledge and agree I, as the parent/legal guardian, regardless of insurance coverage, am responsible for all medical and psychological expenses, <u>to include all co-payments</u>, <u>deductibles</u>, and <u>all non-covered expenses</u>. The Academy will provide physician; hospital or pharmacy needs with the appropriate insurance information or Medicaid/Medical coverage.

Durable Power of Attorney – Date of Expiration

I intend for this Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact for Obtaining Health Care to be a Durable Power of Attorney and to remain in effect if I become disabled, incapacitated or incompetent. This Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact shall remain in effect from the ______ day of ______ 20 _____ Until the cadet graduates from the Academy or is released from the Academy.

Applicant Signature	Applicant Printed Name	Date	
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name	Date	_
State of Kentucky, County of			
of satisfactory evidence, to be the person(s) where the person of the pe	e of Kentucky, personally appeared the above person(s) person hose name(s) is/are subscribed to this document and acknowled S THEREOF, I have affixed my signature hereto this	dged to me that he/she/they executed	I the same in
Signature of Notary Public	Printed Name of Notary		
A resident of	Please Place Stamp/Seal here:		

My Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERSTANDING AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

*If the applicant is 18 years of age he/she should enter their own name on the first line and enter "N/A" on the second line.

I,_____applicant/parent or guardian of,

with the Challenge Academy, hereby certify:

1. That I permit my child to participate in all Academy activities which may include UNIQUE activities such as rappelling, ropes course, Red Cross blood donations, aircraft rides (to include military aircraft), extreme physical activities, and various off campus activities; to include transportation to and from such events and travel in and outside of Kentucky in various types of vehicles. This release also includes all activities that might be involved with the Mentor assigned by the Academyto the student. This release shall remain in effect for the 17 ½ month duration of both Residential and post-Residential program.

2. That the Academy has my permission to release photographs of my child to the media and non- confidential information of my child to the same for publicity purposes.

3. That the Academy has permission for my child to participate in the GED, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, TABE or anyother academics related to test.

4. That I give my permission for my child to receive counseling services from the Kentucky Youth Challenge personnel. Services may include mental health and/or substance abuse counseling, and psychological/educational tests.

5. If my child becomes a danger to himself/herself, I hereby give my permission for the personnel to take necessary measures to maintain his/her safety which may include a referral for psychological evaluation and/or hospitalization.

6. That the Academy's policies and procedures have been explained to me and I understand what the Academy will attempt to do.

7. That I give my permission for the Academy Staff to maintain discipline by imposing disciplinary measures upon my child.

8. I Understand that as a Credit Recovery participant, should my child resign or be terminated no credit earned will be awarded.

Furthermore, in consideration of my child's participation in the Academy, I HEREBY RELEASE the State of Kentucky, the officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns from any and all liability which may arise from my child's participation in the Academy. I AGREE to hold harmless the State of Kentucky National Guard, the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, the officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns regarding any liability or cause of action which may arise from my child's participation in the Academy.

*The applicant is 18 years of age and has signed this form personally.

Signature:_____Date:_____

<u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LEGAL CUSTODY</u> DRUG, ALCOHOL, PREGNANCY TEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the event that the undersigned is a Parent of the Applicant, rather than a Guardian, then it is hereby agreed that a copy of the Applicant's Birth certificate shall suffice as proof of same.

In the event that the undersigned is a Guardian rather than a Parent of the Applicant, then said Guardian hereby agrees to attach hereto any documentation (i.e., court order, probated will, etc.) necessary to prove guardianship of Applicant.

*If the applicant is 18 years of age he/she should enter their own name on the first line and enter "N/A" on the second line.

I,_____, applicant/parent/legal guardian of

______, hereby authorize my son/daughter to be tested by qualified individuals for drugs and alcohol at the end of Pre-Challenge.

I also understand that my daughter will be tested for pregnancy during the course of the intake physical and may be tested any time deemed necessary during the course of the program.

I also understand that during the course of the program my son/daughter may be randomly tested for drugs, alcohol, pregnancy.

I also understand that a positive test result for drugs or alcohol will subject my child to immediate expulsion from the program.

*The applicant is 18 years of age and has signed this form personally.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION LETTER

Last Name:	First Name:	MI:
Social Security #	DOB:	
I consent for the release of the information	requested below from th	e staff at the Challenge Academy.
Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature		
Date		
(This authorization shall remain effectiv	e from one year from d	ate of signature)
ACA	DEMY USE ONLY	****
The LEGAL GUARDIAN hereby auth Ke	norizes release of the follo entucky Youth Challenge	8
 Intake, psychological, psychiatric evalua Medical History/Record Substance Abuse (alcohol/drug abuse) Psychological Testing Other 	Penal IrTreatme	e Court Records Institution ent notes and summaries records (IEP reports, etc.)
To: (Name/Title)		
Agency:		
Address:		
City:Sta	ate:	_Zip:
I consent to the release to provide essenti cadet requiring assistance in counseling a services.	and to coordinate or fa	cilitate social/community
CHALLENGE ACADEMY REPR	LESENIAIIVE	DATE

CHALLENGE ACADEMY

WORKERS COMPENSATION STATUS

All Cadets are neither considered federal employees nor are they a member of the National Guard except under certain provisions of the law. They shall be considered federal employees for the purposes of compensation for work related injuries, or relating to the liability of legal conduct of employees of the United States. No Cadet will be considered to be in performance of duty while not at the assigned location of training or other activity authorized by the program agreement except while the Cadet is traveling or is on a pass or any other activity. All Cadets when receiving benefits for disability or death, the monthly pay that is received will be under the salary for a grade GS-2 federal employee. Further Cadets must understand the entitlement to receive compensation for disability will begin on the day following the date the person's participation terminates from the program.

PRIVACY ACT

"Personal Information is required and protected under the Privacy Act of 1974. Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe operates as an entity of state government, organized under state law. Data for program operations is required and protected under Public Law 102-484, Section 1091 e (2). Disclosure is voluntary, however; persons failing to provide the information requested on this document will not be considered for participation in the program. Information provided on this application and generated during residential and post residential performance will only be used by the program to meet federal and state requirements and will not be released to any party outside the Youth ChalleNGe organization, our inspectors/evaluators, or based upon requirements dictated by competent legal authority."

UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE

"I understand that all Kentucky Youth Challenge participants are there as volunteers and regardless of the training location agree to follow the rules and guidelines of the program and the instructions of staff supervising their activities. I understand that every effort of the supervising staff is intended to insure cadets operate in a safe, secure and managed environment. I understand that if my child chooses to absent himself from planned activities, there is little the program can do to absolutely prevent this type of behavior. I also understand that immediately upon any action my child takes to absent themselves from program activity or supervision without proper authority; I absolve Kentucky Youth Challenge of any liability due to this action. I understand Kentucky Youth Challenge will take immediate steps to locate my child once the absence is identified, and will process a missing person's report with all local authorities and notify me at this point. I also understand that any participant who is absent without proper authority for more than 24- hours may be terminated from attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPLICATION

I have read and understand all pages of the application. I hereby agree that all information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if the application is not complete, the applicant will not be accepted. I also understand that if I willfully mislead or fail to disclose all necessary information it will cause denial of the application.

Applicant Signature	Notary ID number
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	Notary Signature
Date	Date



Permission to Obtain/Release Confidential Information

Name of Client:

Date of Birth: __/__/___

I hereby give consent to WellFront RS to exchange pertinent and relevant information with the **Bluegrass Challenge Academy**.

Name: <u>Kentucky National Guard/Dept.of Military Affairs</u> Street: 114 Conroy Ave, Bldg 5549

City/State/Zip: Fort Knox, KY 40121 Phone: 877-599-6884 Fax: 502-624-1300

Information obtained may include (check all that apply):

- □ Clinical Impressions and Records
- □ Academic Records (cumulative records, report cards, standardized test scores, etc.)
- □ Health Records
- □ Special Education Records/504 Plan Records (IEP, 504 Plans, PPT/Student Study Team minutes, evaluations)
- □ Psychiatric Evaluations
- □ Psychological Evaluations
- □ Social Work Evaluations
- □ Educational Evaluations
- □ Speech and Language Evaluations
- □ Other Evaluations (vocational, occupational, etc.)
- □ Other _____

Client/Parent/Guardian Signature:

Print Name:______

Relationship to Client:_____

Date: _____

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BCA Applicant Interview Questions

1. How did you learn about Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy?

2. Why have you selected to attend Bluegrass ChalleNGe?

3. What are you wanting to get out of attending BCA?

4. What obstacles would you like to overcome in life?

5. What are your Strengths/Weaknesses?

6. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?