



Eligibility

- Not on track to graduate high school on time
- No felony level charges or convictions
- Must reside in Wisconsin and be a legal United States resident
- Not on parole or adult probation
juvenile supervision/probation is OK
- Willing to be free from illegal drugs/substances
- Between 16 - 18 years old



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CHALLENGE ACADEMY

A Choice... A Challenge... A Change

Contact Us

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Only You Can Decide

Cost is FREE

There are no direct costs to the youth or families beyond bringing some personal items. The Challenge Academy provides all food, clothing, housing, and required equipment.

A \$25,000 value...FREE!

Earn Your HSED

During or immediately following the Residential Phase, 92% of Cadets will earn their High School Equivalency Diploma. Course work includes Math, English, Science, and Social Studies.

Voluntary Program

The Challenge Academy is a voluntary program which means Cadets are not court ordered or mandated to attend the program.

How to Apply

Apply online at challengeacademy.org

Or

Contact Admissions at (608) 269-4605 and request an application

Required orientations begin approximately 3 months prior to the start of each class. An applicant is invited to an orientation session after submitting an application and eligibility is verified.

What Is The Challenge Academy?

A 5 1/2 month, quasi-military, residential, alternative education program offering students the opportunity to earn their HSED, replace negative habits with positive ones, and develop the life skills necessary to become successful, responsible citizens.

Two Cycles Each Year:

January - June & July - December

Character Development

The Character Development curriculum teaches positive values to use in everyday life. These values have a positive effect on beliefs, thought patterns, choices, and behaviors that determine future success. It begins with the basic concepts of character and making positive life changes, and then addresses identifying personal issues and improving life coping skills.

The curriculum instills a continuous focus on choosing the... "harder right over the easier wrong."

Both Male and Female Platoons

Our Mission

To offer our Cadets the opportunity to develop the strength of character and the life skills necessary to become successful, responsible citizens.

Extracurricular Activities

- Rappelling
- Biking
- High Ropes Course
- Team Sports
- Archery
- Camping
- Fishing
- Honor Road March

Mentor Program

Choosing a mentor is a requirement of the program. A mentor is an adult who provides support, encouragement, counsel, friendship, and reinforcement during the Post-Residential Phase. Mentors set an example and are influential in the Cadet becoming a successful, responsible citizen.

