

New Mexico National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy





MISSION STATEMENT



Through training, discipline and mentoring, the New Mexico National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy provides education, leadership, character development, and life coping skills to New Mexico's high school dropouts so they may become productive citizens.

Program Statistics

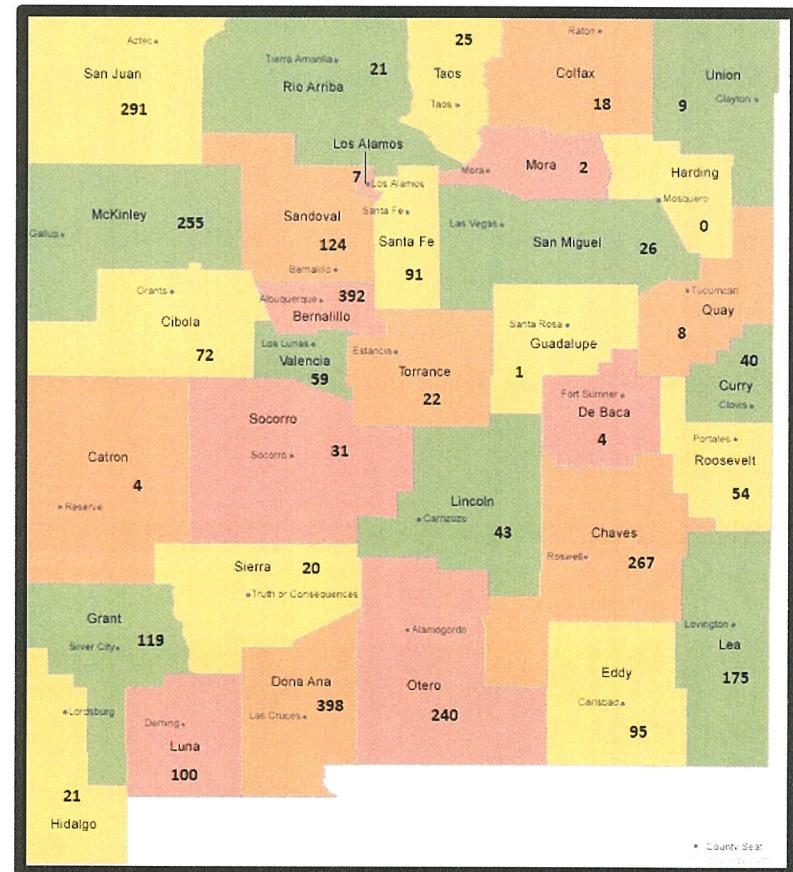
- Our program here in New Mexico opened in 2001, but Youth ChalleNGe began nationally in 1993.
- Currently there are 40 programs throughout the country, including Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska & the District of Columbia.
- The Program received 75% federal and 25% state funding.
- Graduation target of 200 cadets per year.
- Over 3,030 graduates to date in New Mexico!
- **No cost** to applicants or families for enrollment, housing, education, clothing or meals.
- NMNGYCA serves the ENTIRE state of New Mexico.
- New Mexico is excited to offer credit recovery beginning in 2023, where New Mexico youth will be able to earn HS credits while attending and have the option to return to high school.

Program Graduates by County

The New Mexico National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy has completed 42 cycles, with Cycle 43 scheduled to graduate on December 17, 2022.

Since 2001, 3,034 New Mexico youth have graduated from the Program!

The New Mexico National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy Total Graduates by County to Date: 3,034



Program Eligibility

Basic qualifications for acceptance:

1. Between 16-18 years of age
2. Dropped out of high school, or at risk of dropping out
3. Willing to be drug free
4. Mentally and physically capable of participation
5. Cannot be under indictment, or ever convicted of a felony and not currently on parole or probation for other than juvenile status offenses
6. A citizen or lawful permanent resident of US and have a valid New Mexico ID
7. Voluntarily applying for enrollment

Eight Core Components

- **Life Coping Skills:** Anger & Stress Management, Personal Finance
- **Academic Excellence:** HiSET Studies and Vocational Training
- **Job Skills:** Resume Building, Job Interview Skills and Application Completion
- **Responsible Citizenship:** Constitution and U.S. Government, Selective Service and Voting Registration

Eight Core Components

- **Leadership/Followership:** Basic Military Customs & Courtesies, Moral/Ethical Leadership/Followership
- **Health and Hygiene:** Effects of Substance Abuse, Nutrition & Wellness, Personal Hygiene
- **Physical Fitness:** Daily Physical Fitness with Periodic Tests to Measure Improvement
- **Service to Community:** Minimum of 40 hours spent giving back to the community

Vocational Training Offered

Cadets will earn college credits, a Certificate of Employability and the skills necessary to obtain employment!

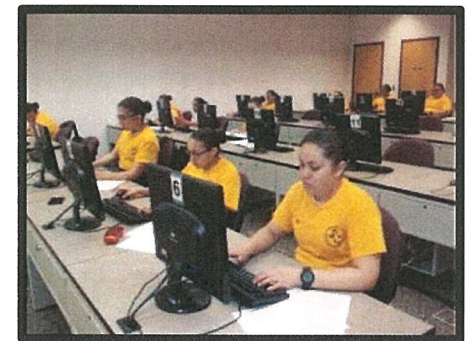
Construction: Building Trades/Plumbing

- Description: Provides proficiency training to help students be successful while working in the construction industry



Microsoft Office

- Description: Designed to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to work in a professional office setting



Welding — Certificate of Employability

- Description: Provides proficiency training to help students be successful working in the welding industry



Vocational Trainings Offered

Emergency Medical Responder — Certificate of Employability

- Description: Designed to allow students to become familiar with what it takes to become an Emergency Medical Responder

Fire Science — Certificate of Employability

- Description: Designed to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to work as a firefighter



Automotive — Certificate of Employability

- Description: Provides proficiency training to help students be successful working in the automotive industry, with an emphasis on brakes

ALL cadets will also take courses in OSHA Safety, Basic Computer Skills, and earn their Heartsaver First Aid/CPR Cards!



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