## 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!

3. Men	torPro Pledge	Initial:	
4. Emi	nence Schools Statement	Initial:	
5-6. A	pplicant & Parent/Legal Guardian information sheet	Initial:	
7-8. R	eport of Medical History (Include documentation or expla	in questions 10 & 11)	Initial:
9.	Report of Medical History (Part 2)	Initial:	
10.	Insurance Information	Initial:	
11.	Legal Information (Law Violations)	Initial:	
	ecial Power of Attorney for the Authorization of Medical C edical Expense Statement	are and Initial:	
13.Ce	ertificate of Understanding and Release of Liability	Initial:	
14. Ac	knowledgment of Legal Custody &Drug, Alcohol, Preg	nancy and HIV Testing	Initial:
15. Re	lease of Information Form	Initial:	
16. W	orkers Comp, Privacy Act, Unauthorized Absence & Ack	nowledgment of App.	Initial:
17. Ke	ntucky Youth ChalleNGe WellFront Counseling Survey		Initial:
Copy o	of Official Birth Certificate (do not send original) of Social Security Card (do not send original) of Immunizations/ Shot records (do not send original)		Initial:
Сорус	of Front and back of Medical Insurance Card(s)	Initial:	
	as needs to be up to date agacoccal) booster dose (Age: 16 years) and Hep A must be	current	
Сору	of High School Disenrollment Form		
Copyo	f 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

#### MENTORPRO PARENT/CADET PLEDGE



The following agreement acknowledges that the Cadet and parent/guardian will need to stay in touch with the Bluegrass Challenge Academy Case Management team for a duration of 24 months after graduating from the program for the Mentoring part of the program.

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a mutual commitment between the Cadet and the Case Manager to maintain regular contact for a period of **24 months** following the Cadet's successful graduation from the Bluegrass Challenge Academy. This continued engagement intends to support the Cadet's transition, stability, and progress in their personal and professional development and to inform families of the new Post-Residential Contact and Placement MentorPro App BCA manages.

The Parent/Guardians and the Cadet understand and agree to:

Mentor(s): Mr. Zachariah Creekmore and Mr. Scott Brown

- Remain in contact with the assigned Case Manager for a period of 24 months after graduation, utilizing the MentorPro App on a personally owned device.
- Provide updates every month post-graduation about current goal status.
- Inform the Case Manager of any major life events, such as employment, housing, education changes, or challenges that may arise, utilizing the MentorPro App.

# PLEDGE AGREEMENT (Parent/Guardian & Cadet) Between the Case Manager and Cadet

This Pledge Agreement is made and entered into by and between:
Cadet:
Cadet Cell Phone:
Cadet E-mail:
Parent/Guardian Signature:
Recruiter Witness Signature:
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:
Parent/Guardian E-mail:

## 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.

## **Timelines**

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 fill in ALL of the information

Today's Date:	Social Sec	urity#		
Have you applied here before Yes	No 🗌	If Yes, when	ı:	
Last Name	_ First Name	e		MI
Date of Birth:Age:	:	Gender:	Male	Female
Last Public School Attended				
Last Day of Attendance	Highest Gra	de Completed		
Do they have an IEP? Yes No				
Are you employed? Yes	No If Yes, (	Occupation		
Ethnicity (Must Check One) Am	erican Indian/A	.laskan Native	Asian/I	Pacific Islander
Black Hispanic Whi	ite Religion: _			
Married Yes No	Number o	f Children		
Are you currently free from illegal drugs	s and/or alcohol	: Yes	No	
Applicant's Contact Information				
Home Phone	Email			
Address				
CityC	County		State	e
Zip				
I certify that	(applicant) is no	t a high school g	raduate, does	not have an
alternative certificate or GED nor is currently a	ttending school _	(initial) or	the last day of	attendance will
be(date)(initial	l).			

# PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION SHEET

# Parent/Guardian Information

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

# REPORT OF MEDICAL HISTORY

Last Name	First	Name		MI
ANSWER ALLQUEST KNOWN ISSUES COU IF IDENTIFIED AT A	LDRESULTIND			
1. Statement of Health: Goo	d Fair	Poor		
Explain				
2. Current Medication(s) Please give name of medication.	ation, dosage of me	dication, and tii	ne given. Use a	new line for each
<ol> <li>In the past two years, ha</li> <li>(DO NOT include over-the</li> </ol>				_
Yes No No If Yes, list what type and w				<b>o</b>
4. Allergies (INCLUDE INS	SECT BITES, COM	MON FOODS, A	AND MEDICATI	ONS)
5. Ht	Wt]	Eye Color	Hair color	
6. Physician Name:			Phone:	
7. Psychiatrist/Psychologis	st Name:		Phone:	
8. Dentist Name:		Phone:	La	st Exam:
10. Have you ever been ho	espitalized for an ill	lness or injury		Yes No
If so; when, where, and w	/hy?			

*11. Have you ever consulted or been treated by a psychiatrist, psychologist, therapist, and/or counselor? Yes No
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:  Reason:
**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 had suicidal ideations or been hospitalized? Yes No
16. Has the child ever attempted suicide? Yes No Did the child recieve treatment? Yes No Did the child recieve treatment? Yes No Did the child recieve treatment?
Date of completed treatment/release from doctor:
*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 16 you must provide a doctor's release with your application

## REPORT OF MEDICAL HISTORY

Last N	Vame:		First Name			
MI						
	EXPERIENCED.SELECT CURRENT IF THE CONDITION IS WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS. SELECT PAST IF THE CONDITION OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF 12 MONTHS. P = PAST/C= CURRENT					
P / C		P / C	P / C	ASI/C= CORCENT		
	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			9		

# INSURANCE INFORMATION

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

<u>Medical</u>
Name of Insurance Company:
Subscriber's Name:
Subscriber's birthday:
Subscriber's place of work:
Insurance Company Address:
Insurance Company Phone:
Identification Number:
Group Number:
Pharmacy           FSA Card         HRA Card         Pharmacy Card
PCN # Pharmacist Call #
<u>Dental</u>
Dental Insurance Company Name:
Dental Insurance Phone:
Dental Insurance ID:
Vision
Vision Insurance Company Name:
Vision Insurance Phone:
Vision Insurance ID:

# **LEGAL INFORMATION**

Last Name:	First Name:		MI	
1. Have you ever been arrested and If you answered "No", go to the r	_	Yes	No	
2. If you answered "Yes" to question	on #1, please complete the follow	ving:		
Date:				
Place of Offense: City	County		Sta	te
Offense/Violation:		_ Misder	meanor	Felony
Name & Location of court:				
Penalty Imposed/Disposition				
CDW: Name		Phone		
Date:				
Place of Offense: City	County		Sta	te
Offense/Violation:		Misde	meanor	Felony
Name & Location of court:				
Penalty Imposed/Disposition				
CDW: Name		Phone		
Date:				
Place of Offense: City	County		Sta	te
Offense/Violation:		_ Misde	meanor	Felony
Name & Location of court:				
Penalty Imposed/Disposition				
CDW: Name		Phone		
3. Are you Currently awaiting a he	earing or sentencing?	Yes	No	
4. If you are awaiting a hearing or sentencing, what is the scheduled date/time and city/county?				
DateTime	City		_County	

# <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,		Guardian (or Applicant if 18 years of age)
	Арр	licant's Printed First and Las	t Name)
	hallenge Academy, appoint the Kentucky Yout medical treatment; and /or psychological treatm		
Academy consists of a Registered	Nurse, a Licensed Practical Nurse and a contra	cted Medical Director. Detern	he medical staff at Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe ninations regarding appointments, administering ed out by the nursing staff in accordance with the
for the cadet to obtain the medica the Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe authorize and provide for the care	Il care and medical treatment deemed advisable. Academy to perform any and all acts as fully to an anintenance, well-being and health including an emergency basis, including major surge	le or necessary to benefit and/ to all intents and purposes as lang, but not limited to, authorize	uth ChalleNGe Academy to act in loco parentis for maintain the health of the cadet. I intend for might or could if were personally present: to king any and all medical and hospital care and y licensed staff physician at any hospital whether
Cadre, under the instruction and	of Medication by Youth ChalleNGe Cadre supervision of Kentucky Youth ChalleNGe mes and dosages set forth by the prescribing p	edical staff, to distribute over	-the-counter and prescription medications to the
nurses and other medical personn			ents, cadre, the medical facility and any doctors, ility for honoring my wishes as expressed in this
by the cadet if the injuries/illness parent/legal guardian, regardless	es are caused by cadet participating in a non-sof insurance coverage, am responsible for all	sanctioned Youth ChalleNGe medical and psychological e	<b>DOES NOT</b> pay for medical expenses incurred activity and I acknowledge and agree I, as the xpenses, to include all co-payments, and with the appropriate insurance information or
incapacitated or incompetent. Tl	<u>Durable Power of Attor</u> Attorney-in-Fact for Obtaining Health Care this Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact shall the Academy or is released from the Acade	emain in effect from the	rney and to remain in effect if I become disabled, day of20
Applicant Signature	Applicant Printed No	ame	Date
Parent/Legal Guardian Signatu	re Parent/Legal Guard	an Printed Name	Date
State of Kentucky, County of			
of satisfactory evidence, to be the		this document and acknowle	nally known to me and proved to me on the basis adged to me that he/she/they executed the same in day of
Signature of Notary Public	Printed Name	of Notary	
A resident of	Please Place Sta	amp/Seal here:	
My Commission Expires:			

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERSTANDING AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

*If the line.	e applicant is	18 years of age he/she should enter their own name on the first line and enter "N/A" on the second
mic.	I,	applicant/parent or guardian of,
		with the Challenge Academy, hereby certify:
rappel activit of Ker assign	ling, ropes conties, and various tucky in varied by the Ac	y child to participate in all Academy activities which may include UNIQUE activities such as ourse, Red Cross blood donations, aircraft rides (to include military aircraft), extreme physical ous off campus activities; to include transportation to and from such events and travel in and outside ous types of vehicles. This release also includes all activities that might be involved with the Mentor ademy to the student. This release shall remain in effect for the 17½ month duration of both at-Residential program.
persor	nal belonging	as my permission that upon arrival for intake or after any outing off-campus, my child and their s will be searched for contraband. Random searches may also be warranted in conjunction with Fort ce and any trained staff due to being a drug-free facility on a federal military installation.
		ny has my permission to release photographs of my child to the media and non-confidential child to the same for publicity purposes.
	at the Acaden	ny has permission for my child to participate in the GED, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, TABE or anyother o test.
	• • •	ermission for my child to receive counseling services from the Kentucky Youth Challenge personnel. de mental health and/or substance abuse counseling, and psychological/educational tests.
		mes a danger to himself/herself, I hereby give my permission for the personnel to take necessary in his/her safety which may include a referral for psychological evaluation and/or hospitalization.
	at the Academ ot to do.	ny's policies and procedures have been explained to me and I understand what the Academy will
8. The child.	at I give my p	permission for the Academy Staff to maintain discipline by imposing disciplinary measures upon my
9. IU award		at as a Credit Recovery participant, should my child resign or be terminated no credit earned will be
Kentu child's Guard	cky, the offices participation of Youth Chall	ensideration of my child's participation in the Academy, I HEREBY RELEASE the State of ters, agents, employees, successors and assigns from any and all liability which may arise from my in the Academy. I AGREE to hold harmless the State of Kentucky National Guard, the National lenge Program, the officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns regarding any liability or ich may arise from my child's participation in the Academy.
*The	applicant is 1	8 years of age and has signed this form personally.
Signat	ure:	Date:

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LEGAL CUSTODY 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 "N/A" on the second line.	own name on the first line and enter
I,	, applicant/parent/legal guardian of
be tested by qualified individuals for drugs and alcohol at the	_, hereby authorize my son/daughter to be end of Pre-Challenge.
I also understand that my daughter will be tested for pregna take physical and may be tested any time deemed necessary	•
I also understand that during the course of the program my for drugs, alcohol, pregnancy.	son/daughter may be randomly tested
I also understand that a positive test result for drugs or alcolimmediate expulsion from the program.	hol will subject my child to
*The applicant is 18 years of age and has signed this form pe	ersonally.
	D. /
Signature:	Date:_

## RELEASE OF INFORMATION LETTER

Last Name:	_First Name:	MI:
Social Security #	DOB:	_
I consent for the release of the information re	equested below from the staff at the	Challenge Academy
Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature		
Date		
(This authorization shall remain effective	from one year from date of signat	ture)
**************************************		
<ul> <li>Intake, psychological, psychiatric evaluati</li> <li>Medical History/Record</li> <li>Substance Abuse (alcohol/drug abuse)</li> <li>Psychological Testing</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	ons Juvenile Court Reco Penal Institution Treatment notes and School records (IEP	summaries
To: (Name/Title)		
Agency:		
Address:		
City:State I consent to the release to provide essential cadet requiring assistance in counseling an	e:Zip:	ess the needs of the
challenge academy repre	ESENTATIVE	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: Kentucky National Guard/Dept.of Military Affairs  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:	

# **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?