



National Guard Youth Foundation Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

The National Guard Youth Foundation has established a scholarship program to assist graduates of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Programs who plan to continue education in college, vocational school programs, or career training. Scholarships are offered four and two year increments for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by the National Guard Youth Foundation. The mission of the National Guard Youth Foundation is to foster program awareness, advocate for the program goals and funding, and provide scholarships, training and workforce transition assistance to the graduates of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, disability, or National origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the National Guard Youth Foundation Scholarship Program must be:

- A current Cadet, graduate in the Post-Residential phase, or individuals who are no more than 6 months out of the Post-Residential phase of the ChalleNGe Program. (No more than 18 months from Program Graduation)
- Have a clear understanding of their educational goals and can prove they are attainable.
- Applying to or already accepted to an accredited college, university, technical, or trade school or program.
- Interested in promoting and supporting the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program and the National Guard Youth Foundation upon reaching their goals.

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$5,000 or \$3,000 award. One recipient per region will be selected for each of the scholarships mentioned, provided there is a qualified applicant from each region.

Awards in the amount of \$5,000 are renewable for four years. Awards in the amount of \$3,000 are renewable for two years.

APPLICATION

Interested students are responsible for submitting all materials to the Program Director on time. Applications must be received by the National Guard Youth Foundation no later than November 1, 2011.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied: therefore answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the National Guard Youth Foundation.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and the ChalleNGe activities, honors, statement of goals and aspirations, and an outside appraisal.

Selection of the recipient is made by the Scholarship Committee at the National Guard Youth Foundation. All applicants agree to accept the decision of the National Guard Youth Foundation as final.

Applicants will be notified by November 28, 2011. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships awarded in the amounts of \$5,000 and \$3,000 will be paid directly by the National Guard Youth Foundation to the recipient's school of choice upon confirmation of acceptance and enrollment into a four or two year program. Scholarship funds in the amount of \$4,000 will be paid to each Program's corresponding 501(c)(3) when applicable. In the absence of a 501(c)(3) the funds will be paid directly to the recipient's school or program, upon confirmation of acceptance and enrollment.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to the National Guard Youth Foundation. They are, however required to supply the National Guard Youth Foundation with complete transcripts when requested and to notify the National Guard Youth Foundation of any changes to address, school enrollment, or other relevant information.

REVISIONS

The National Guard Youth Foundation reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

The National Guard Youth Foundation
Scholarship Program
1001 N. Fairfax Street
Suite 205
Alexandria, VA 22314



National Guard Youth Foundation Scholarship Program

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be reviewed properly.

Application postmark deadline November 1, 2011

**Complete
All
Applicable
Boxes**

GPA Pre-Challenge	GPA Challenge	High School Diploma	GED	\$5,000 Scholarship Application	\$3,000 Scholarship Application

**Applicant
Data**

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____
 Permanent Home Mailing Address _____ Apartment # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail Address _____
 Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Indicate your Status (Statistical purposes only) M F

**Parent or
Guardian
Information**

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____
 Permanent Home Mailing Address _____ Apartment # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail Address _____
 Relationship to Applicant _____ Work Telephone (_____) _____
 Employer _____ Job Title _____

**Program
Data**

Program Name _____ Graduation Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

**Post-
Secondary
School
Data**

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools which you have applied.)
 Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.

_____ City _____ State _____
 _____ City _____ State _____

4 yr. College or University 2 yr. Community or Junior College
 Vocational- Technical School Other, explain _____

Major or course of study _____ Expected college graduation date: Month _____ Year _____

Degree sought: Bachelor Associate Certificate Other _____

If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets of paper using the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address and name of this scholarship should be included on all attachments.

**Activities,
Awards,
Honors,
and
Leadership**

List all school and ChalleNGe activities in which you have participated during high school grades 9-12. List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during grades 9-12. Include all leadership positions, special awards, honors, and offices held.

Activity	No. of Years Participating	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held

**Goals
And
Aspirations
Cadet
Essay**

Make a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your education and career objectives and long term goals. Please also include why you feel you are the best candidate for this scholarship. Attach your answer using the following criteria: 12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced, and no more than two (2) pages in length.

**Cadet
Mentor OR
ChalleNGe
Staff
Letter
Of
Reference**

Please provide a one page letter of reference from your mentor or a ChalleNGe Staff member. The letter must address the following: How the cadet has improved their lives since entering the ChalleNGe Program. They must provide examples in regards to changes in behavior, attitude, grades, goals, and relationships among other possible aspects of the cadet's life. When referring to the cadet, please have the mentor or ChalleNGe staff use only the initials of the cadet for scoring purposes.

Applicant Appraisal (Required)

To the Applicant: This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. This section is to be completed by a program director, cadre, or staff member who knows you well.

To the Adult Appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. **All ratings given in the far left column (excellent) require additional written explanations.** Please return to the applicant when completed.

The applicant's choice of post-secondary educational program is extremely appropriate * very appropriate moderately appropriate inappropriate

The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability extremely well* very well moderately well not well

The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is excellent* good fair poor

The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is excellent* good fair poor

The applicant is able to seek, find and use learning resources extremely well* very well moderately well not well

The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative extremely well* very well moderately well not well

The applicant demonstrates good problem solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks. extremely well* very well moderately well not well

The applicant's respect for self and others excellent* good fair poor

***All excellent ratings require additional explanations.**

Comments: _____

Appraisers name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to the Program Director on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when the National Guard Youth Foundation has received all of the following materials.

- Student Application with complete Applicant Appraisal
- Completed and Attached Cadet Essay
- Complete and Signed Mentor or ChalleNGe Staff Letter

Certification

The National Guard Youth Foundation has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's brochure. This application becomes the property of The National Guard Youth Foundation.

I acknowledge decisions of The National Guard Youth Foundation are final. I certify that I meet the basic requirements of the program as described in the brochure and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Indicate Region Number: _____