



WASHINGTON YOUTH ACADEMY FOUNDATION

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Washington Youth Academy Success

The Washington Youth Academy (WYA) is a voluntary residential and non-residential state-run program for 16-18-year-old at-risk youth who have dropped out, or are at risk of dropping out, of high school. As part of the National Guard's Youth Challenge program the WYA provides a highly disciplined, safe, and professional learning environment that empowers at-risk youth to improve their educational level, employment potential, and become responsible, productive citizens. Academically, the WYA is impressively successful—on average the 22-week residential program improves TABE scores (Test of Adult Basic Education) an average of 2.1 grade levels and students earn an average 7.8 high school credits. Other qualitative improvements include positive self-esteem, responsible and respectful adult behavior, improved learning skills, confidence in their ability to succeed, and development of a comprehensive Action Plan. The 12-month post-residential phase includes an adult mentoring relationship to keep WYA graduates “on track.” All this...and the program is free to Washington residents.

About the Washington Youth Academy Foundation

The WYAF is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) corporation chartered in the State of Washington in 2008, EIN # 26-2771686. The purpose of our Foundation is simple and focused—to support the students and programs of the Washington Youth Academy. Additional funding, to enhance academic and personal development programs and extra-curricular activities, must come from private donations through the WYAF. You can learn more about our Foundation and/or donate at www.wyafoundation.org/donate.

Key Foundation Support

- Employment & Education Financial Assistance—summer school, college, vocational training, trade school, employment aid (clothing, tools, or certifications) and job skills training
- Scientific Equipment—robotics, microscopes, physics and chemistry
- Computer Equipment—computers, student laptops, tablets, printers, and software
- Vocational-Technical Equipment—cameras, video equipment, and digital editing software
- Physical Fitness and Sports Equipment—weights, running track and exercise stations
- Clothing—safety shoes, job interview clothing and vocational training clothing
- Community Projects—yard tools, construction tools, gloves, protective clothing
- Recognition—academic, fitness, mentoring, volunteering and teaching achievement
- Events—sponsoring fun runs, ropes course, field trips and family day.
- Program Support—the library, Kahn Academy, confidence course and health

How Your Contribution Helps

Your tax-deductible donation can take many forms. Monetary funding is always a priority as it can serve many purposes and you can donate securely through our website. However, in-kind and item donations are always welcome. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact us via any method listed below and we'll tell you how to make the donation.

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