

Washington Youth Academy Foundation

2019
Annual
Report



Supporting the
Cadets of the
Washington
Youth Academy

2019: A successful year of support

The Washington Youth Academy Foundation supports both academic and education programs.

- Cell phones to call home
- Yearbook to commemorate success
- Project funds to support academics and service to the community
- Scholarships for high school credit and higher education



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About the Washington Youth Academy Foundation

The Washington Youth Academy Foundation (WYAF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation chartered in the State of Washington since 2008 (EIN 26-2771686). Our mission is simple and focused—to support the students, staff, and mission of the Washington Youth Academy. The all-volunteer Board of Directors for the Foundation serves without compensation and represent a diverse cross-section of military, public, and private sector experience united by their desire to make a difference in the lives of Washington's at-risk dropout population. Board members volunteered over 4,800 hours at a computed value of over \$152,000 (*NOTE: the dollar value is computed from the Independent Sector formula for community service in the State of Washington*).



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2019 WYAF IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



Over \$8,600 for cell phone for in-residence cadets to call home and make family connections



Over \$2,000 for cadet cycle yearbooks commemorating personal success



Over \$1,600 for emergency cadet support for family emergencies and challenges



Over \$2,000 supporting program assistance for mentoring, clothing needs, Academy staff support and Booster program



Over \$1,300 to support science curriculum teaching drone technology including programming and use of drones in emergencies



Board member volunteer hours were over 4,800 with a value of \$152,000



Over \$12,700 for high school credit retrieval, Washington Business Week and Driver Training awards



Over \$2,600 supporting the Academy community garden project with sustainable fresh fruit and vegetables for healthy eating



Over \$35,600 in higher education, trade school, vocational training, and job preparedness awards



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THE WASHINGTON YOUTH ACADEMY BUILDS SUCCESS

Legal Authority

The Washington Youth Academy is part of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe program. Federal authority for the Youth ChalleNGe program is found in USC Title 32, Chapter 5, Section 509 while state authority is found in various sections RCW 28A and Section 392 of the Washington Administrative Codes.

Academy Eight Core Components

- **Academic Excellence**
- **Leadership/Followership**
- **Responsible Citizenship**
- **Service to Community**
- **Life-Coping Skills**
- **Physical Fitness**
- **Health and Hygiene**
- **Job Skills**

Mission Statement

The Washington Youth Academy (WYA) mission is to provide a highly disciplined, safe, and professional learning environment that empowers at-risk youth to improve their educational levels and employment potential and become responsible and productive citizens of the State of Washington.



Overview – the WYA provides a highly structured state-run residential and post-residential program for 16 to 18-year old boys and girls who have dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out. The Academy conducts two classes each year (22 weeks long) and draws a diverse group of students from all over the state with King, Pierce, Snohomish, Clark, Yakima, Kitsap, Thurston, and Spokane counties typically having the largest number of students in attendance. The certified teaching staff is provided by Bremerton School District and the curriculum has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; students who complete all academic requirements will earn eight high school credits. These eight credits allow Academy graduates to return to their home high school to complete their education and earn their high school diploma.

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Fundraising and Fiscal Responsibility

2019 FUNDRAISING

The WYA Foundation Board of Directors, with the help of an active and involved Booster Group (numbering over 2,000 members), conducts several fund-raising events throughout the year.

- Individuals \$4,979
- Corporate \$1,074
- Board Members \$4,535
- Combined Federal Campaign \$1,495
- Combined Fund Drive (State) \$1,228
- Logo Item Sales \$22,641
- Raffle \$6,435
- Graduation Photos \$3,945
- Dedicated Scholarship Accounts \$21,350



YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING TODAY!

Go to our website for secure donations at:

www.wyafoundation.org/donate

OR

Use this QR code to go
direct to the donation page



UNFUNDED REQUIREMENTS

As part of its authorizing charter the Washington Youth Academy undergo annual independent evaluations. In 2019, as in past years, this the program was rated "the best Youth Challenge program in the nation." Despite its unparalleled success, limited federal and state funding leave several unfunded requirements. We refer you to our Giving Catalog at www.wyafoundation.org/donate for additional information.



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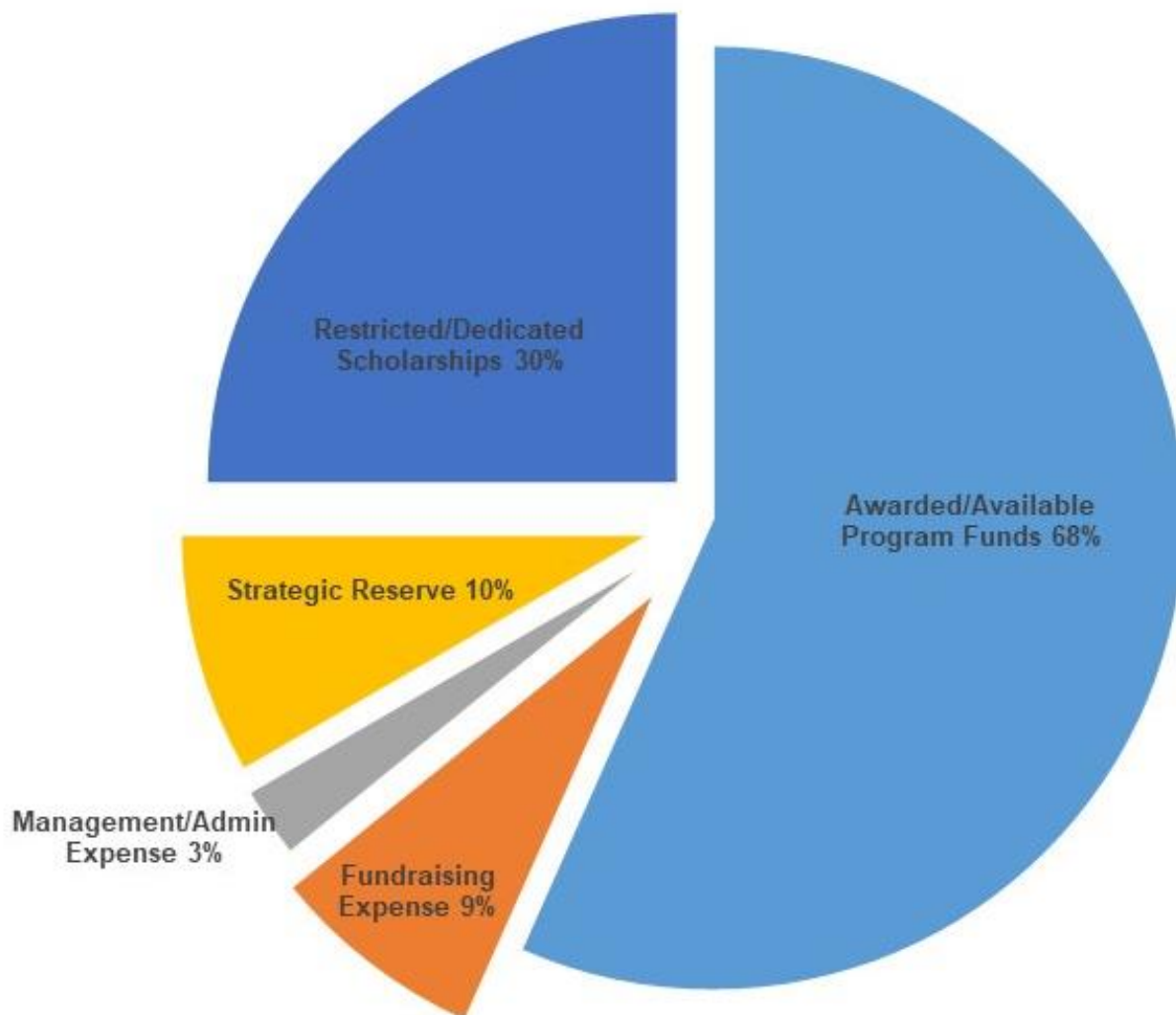
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FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Washington Youth Academy Foundation IRS Form 990 can be found at our website www.wyafoundation.org/reports. We are proud to be responsible stewards of the donations we receive; other than D&O insurance, independent audit fees, and fundraising expenses 100 percent of our funds go to student and program support. Board members serve in a volunteer status without compensation. The following chart provides a view of our financial stewardship:

2019 Washington Youth Academy Foundation Fiscal Responsibility



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QUOTES FROM FORMER ACADEMY CADETS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

A.C. – WYA Graduate Parent

"I just keep wondering how I will ever thank the academy and everyone that is part of it. My son has further to go but I am amazed at the positive attitude that you all have been able to show him that he has! He has learned so many coping skills and that is a huge help for his future. THANK YOU, Washington Youth Academy!!!!!"

T.M. – WYA Graduate

"This place has helped me so much been a long time since my cycle feels like yesterday graduated HS & building a career with my music & very well driven trust the program trust the cadre most of all trust yourself starts on day zero."

S.D. – WYA Graduate Grandparent

"Thank you so much WYA our grandson came home a changed young man. He is excited about school and Rangers. Thank you, thank you."

J.S. – WYA Graduate Parent

"I thank all of you at WYA you are amazing. It was the best time on a weekend that we have spent in a long time. Everything was yes sir what did you do with my daughter because it wasn't her, You guys changed a seventeen-year-old girl in just 6 weeks. You are superheroes. I cannot wait to see what's to come. THANK YOU THANK YOU."

J.W. – WYA Graduate Parent

"The rating for this program and the amazing staff is far beyond 5 stars!! What this program has done for our daughter is nothing short of a miracle and truly saved her life. I wish it was mandatory for ALL teenagers to go through this type of program. The Cadre and teachers truly care for our children as if they were their own child, there is no safer place for them to be. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough WYA."

L.B. – WYA Graduate and Scholarship Recipient

"I want to start this letter off by saying thank you so much for helping me with school funding. I have been able to buy all of my supplies and my kit that we need for the master esthetics program. I do not know what I would have done without the funding. I am forever grateful for the help and funding I have received. I would never have been able to get where I am today without the Youth Academy and all the funding from the WYA Foundatin scholarship committee. Again, thank you so much for all of the support and for considering me for this scholarship."

In the end, it is important to remember that we cannot become what we need to be, by remaining what we are." -Max DePree



2019 Scholarship and Financial Assistance Recipients

WYA Class	Name	2019 Support	Education or School
15-1	A. Santiago	\$2,000	Bellingham Tech – Nursing
15-1	D. Jackson	\$1,000	BYU – Idaho
16-2	R. Oeun	\$3,000	Pacific Lutheran Univ.
17-1	L. Black	\$3,700	Clover Park – Esthetician
17-1	J. French	\$2,500	Employment – Mechanic Tools
17-1	A. Vargas	\$2,500	Diving School
17-2	K. Boughton	\$2,500	Eastern Washington Univ.
18-1	T. Burton	\$200	Seattle Urban Academy
18-2	B. Brogan	\$1,900	Tacoma Community College
18-2	C. Martinez	\$200	Drivers Education
18-2	K. Bradshaw	\$1,000	Shoreline Community College
19-1	E. Earl	\$200	Drivers Education
19-1	N. Cross	\$200	Drivers Education
19-1	J. Shafer	\$900	Washington Business Week
19-1	G. Rodriguez	\$200	Drivers Education
19-2	C. Tong	\$200	Drivers Education
19-2	C. Ocampo	\$200	Drivers Education
Recipients of the Maj Gen Tim and Mary Lowenberg Scholarship for Excellence			
19-1	X. Hernandez	\$1,000	Future Education Support
19-2	J. Alire	\$1,000	Future Education Support
Leandro Jasso Memorial Scholarship for Leaders			
16-2	R. Oeun	\$1,000	Pacific Lutheran University
17-1	A. Vargas	\$1,000	Diving School
19-1	J. Boothby	\$1,000	Future Education Support
19-1	R. Gallo	\$1,000	Future Education Support
19-1	J. Valdez	\$1,000	Future Education Support
19-2	J. Allen	\$1,000	Future Education Support
19-2	C. Sturgeon	\$1,000	Future Education Support
19-2	L. Dela Cruz	\$1,000	Future Education Support



How to contact us

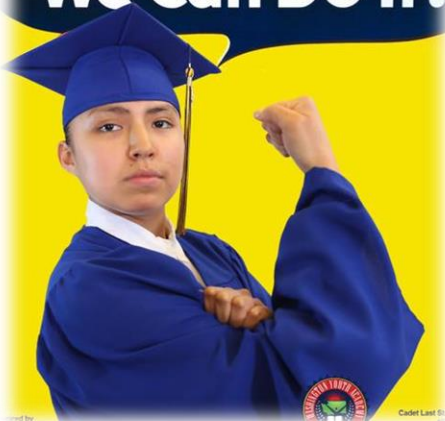
The Chair of the WYA Foundation is Mr. Michael McBreen. Michael can be reached via email at chair@wyafoundation.org or directly by phone at (Toll Free) 1-877-554-8885.



In Conclusion

The dedicated volunteer members of the Washington Youth Academy Foundation work tirelessly in support of the Academy programs, students, and staff because we recognize it is a sound investment in the future—the future of these young men and women as responsible, productive citizens of our community, state, and nation. Our methodology is simple—we identify program, group, and individual needs in pursuing their collective and individual goals and provide financial support within our corporate charter, by-laws, and policy and procedural guidelines. We're proud of what we're able to do...but we always hope to do more. If you would like to help, we invite you to make a contribution at www.wyafoundation.org/donate. Thank you in advance for helping at-risk youth achieve their dreams.

We Can Do It!



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