

Washington Youth Academy Foundation

2021
Annual
Report



Supporting the
Cadets of the
Washington
Youth Academy

2021: A successful year of support

2021 remained a struggle. The Pandemic remained a challenge for the Academy and the Foundation. The Washington Youth Academy Foundation found new ways to support both academic and education programs.

- Cell phones to call home
- Commencement support
- Scholarships for high school credit, higher education, job training and drivers' education





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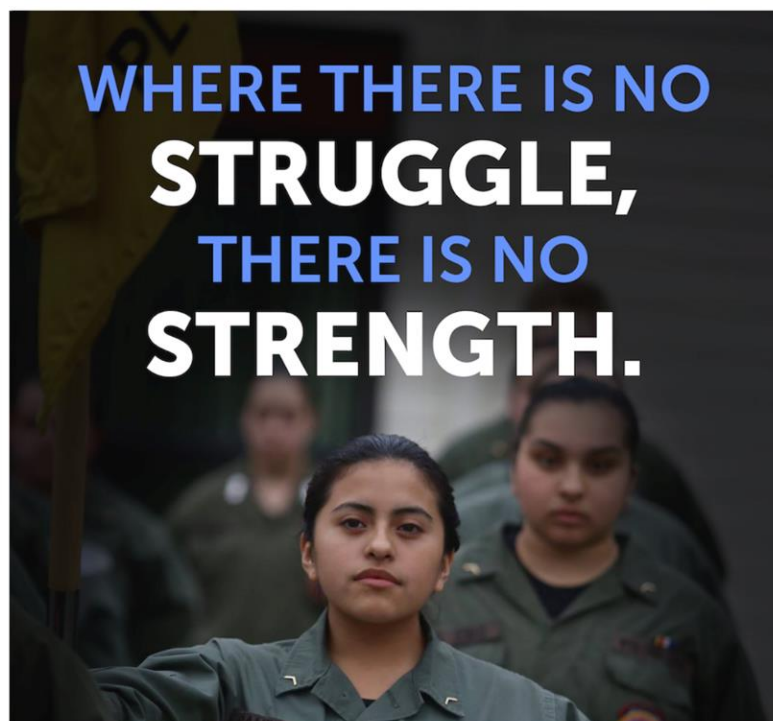
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About the Washington Youth Academy Foundation

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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2021 WYAF IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



Over \$7,300 for cell phone for in-residence cadets to call home and make family connections



Over \$10,000 in strategic reserve for 2022



Over \$1,500 for emergency cadet support for family emergencies and challenges



Over \$2,700 supporting program assistance for mentoring, clothing needs, Academy staff support and Booster program



Over \$1,000 to support drivers' education for employability



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



Over \$3,800 for professional services



Over \$4,000 in higher education, trade school, vocational training, and job preparedness awards



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THE WASHINGTON YOUTH ACADEMY BUILDS SUCCESS

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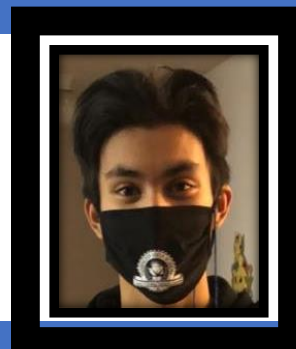
The Washington Youth Academy is part of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe program. Federal authority for the Youth ChalleNGe program is found in USC Title 32, Chapter 5, Section 509 while state authority is found in various sections RCW 28A and Section 392 of the Washington Administrative Codes.

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.



Fundraising and Fiscal Responsibility

2021 FUNDRAISING

A challenging year. The WYA Foundation Board of Directors, with the help of an active and involved Booster Group (numbering over 7,000 members), conducted several fund-raising events throughout the year.

- Individuals \$3,859
- Corporate \$3,434
- Logo Wear Sales \$8,129
- Board Members \$1,700
- Combined Federal Campaign \$884
- Combined Fund Drive (State) \$1,744
- Logo Item Sales \$1,770
- Dedicated Scholarship Accounts \$5,159
- Amazon Smile \$485
- Great Give \$3,896
- Other \$1,817



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 2020, 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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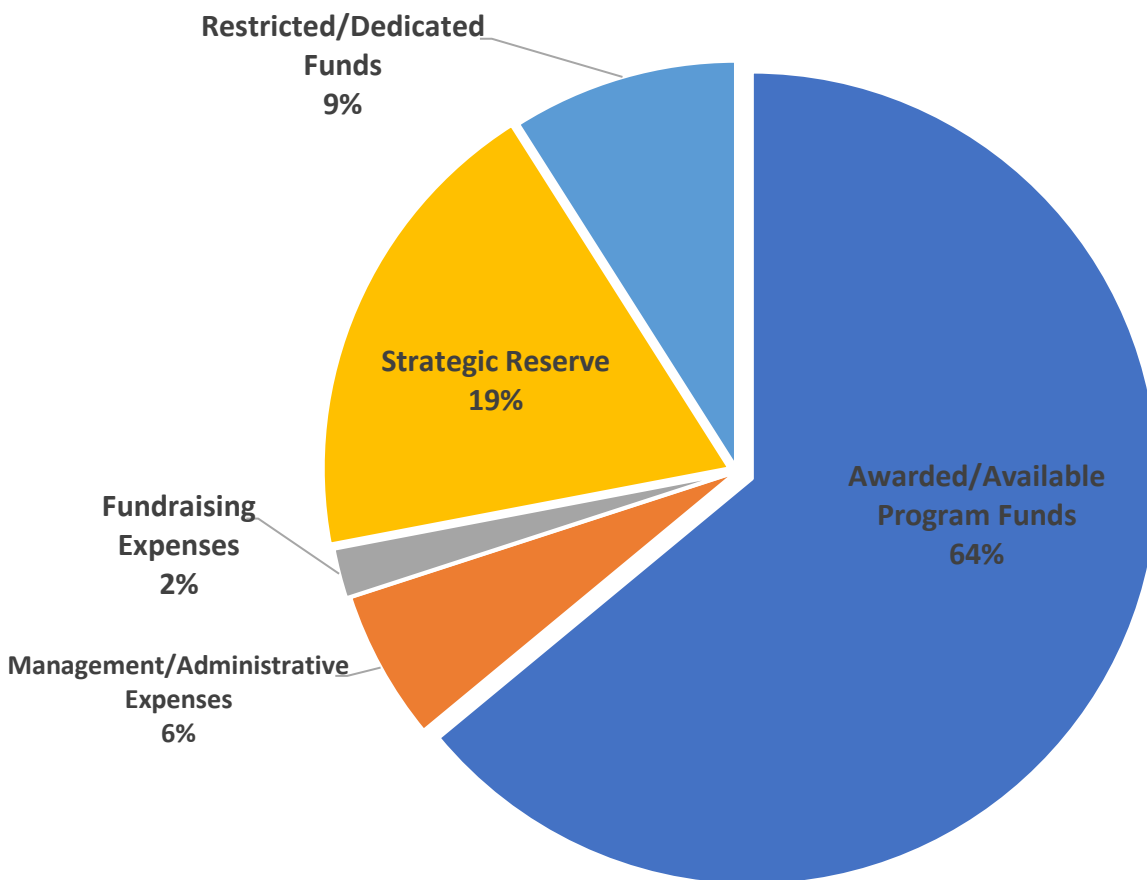
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FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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:

2021 Washington Youth Academy Foundation Fiscal Responsibility





QUOTES FROM FORMER ACADEMY CADETS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

E.R. – WYA Graduate

"I'm so proud of myself for how far I have come...I thank God for the opportunity he gave me to attend and graduate the 20-1 cycle. No matter how this year went I accomplished my goal and graduated. I am now 1 credit away from graduating HS. Thanks to all the cadre for not letting me give up and them not giving up on me. You have played a huge role in my accomplishment. Thank you all so much for your support, encouragement, and advice."

J.A. – WYA Graduate

"Hi my name is Jorge and as a 2017-1 cadet. As a kid that hated school because of tests I got into construction and joined the union. I have no debts and in 4 years became a concrete finisher. You can easily make it into a career that's in high demand! This year I bought my first house at 20 years old. All thanks to my cadre for teaching me what's right and what's wrong. That attention to detail really made me a good concrete finisher."

D.A. – WYA Graduate Parent

"Congratulations to my son Platoon 1 Wolfpack! What a journey it has been. We are so proud of you. It's not been easy but perseverance has paid off. Thanks to all the staff and cadre at the WYA, I can't begin to tell you what you have done for him. Even in the little moments of struggling trying to finish this program online at home, 2 cadre showed up at the house one day to return his stuff, he was so pumped and excited to see them! The life-long impressions and impact he has from being at the academy will never fade and only lead to big things from here."

E.L. – WYA Graduate Parent

"Congratulations to my Son even with all the struggles and 2020 you made it happen man I love you. Thank you to Washington youth academy for doing what you guys do its life changing for these kids."

J.C. – WYA Graduate Parent

"So proud of this kid! Thank you to all of the Cadre! You have been amazing! You have helped him change his life! Way to go!"

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 Foundation scholarship committee. Again, thank you so much for all of the support and for considering me for this scholarship."



2021 Scholarship and Financial Assistance Recipients

WYA Class	Name	2020 Support	Education or School
2015-1	D. Jackson	\$1,000	BYU – Idaho
2020	A. Suarez	\$200	Drivers Education
2021-1	B. Berkeley	\$300	Drivers Education
2021-1	J. LaFontaine	\$300	Drivers Education
2021-1	W. Summer	\$200	Drivers Education
2021-1	A. Marchan	\$400	Drivers Education
2021-1	M. Gonzalez	\$400	Drivers Education
2015-1	J. Walden	\$3,000	Central Texas College
2016-2	R. Oeun	\$1,000	Harvard Business School
2020	S. Thompson	\$200	Drivers Education
2021-2	D. Oropeza	\$300	Drivers Education
2021-2	G. Gomez	\$300	Drivers Education
Maj Gen Tim and Mary Lowenberg Scholarship for Excellence			
2021-1	T. Camacho	\$1,000	Future Education Support
2021-2	R. Williams	\$1,000	Future Education Support
Leandro Jasso Memorial Scholarship for Leaders			
2021-1	M. Cabarello	\$1,000	Future Education Support
2021-1	C. Alvarez	\$1,000	Future Education Support
2021-2	M. Chang	\$1,000	Future Education Support
Burns-Peterson Scholarship for Academic Achievement			
2021-1	N. Enquist	\$1,500	Future Education Support
2021-2	J.P. Hammett	\$1,500	Future Education Support





How to contact us

The Chair of the WYA Foundation is Ms. Tammy Neese. Tammy 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 are 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.

