

## Application Packet Checklist



**PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS PACKET YOU MUST HAVE;**

- VERIFIED APPLICANT MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS
- COMPLETED AN ORIENTATON

**THIS PACKET MUST BE COMPLETED AND IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE INTERVIEWED**

*\*If the applicant is 18 years of age, parent/guardian signature is not required. Applicant must still complete all forms and sign for themselves.*

- Alaska Military Youth Academy Student Application-Basic Information (A2-A5)
- 100 Word Essay (A6)
- Program Description and Waiver (A7-A14)
- Legal Acknowledgement (A15)
- JBER Risk Advisement (A16)
- Additional Requirements
  - Copy of Birth Certificate** (If you cannot find yours, request copy and provide request- upon receipt of original birth certificate-provide copy to AMYA. Alaskan Birth request at: [http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/birth/birth\\_form.pdf](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/birth/birth_form.pdf)) We can accept copies; check with your school, tribal organization, etc for copies if you cannot find yours.
  - Copy of Social Security Card** (if you cannot find yours, request copy and provide request- upon receipt of SS card-provide copy to AMYA.) Request can be found at: <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf> We can accept copies; check with your school, tribal organization, etc for copies if you cannot find yours. If you have an official document that identifies the youth and their social security number this may act as proof, please check with your admissions rep.
  - Copy of a valid State ID, Military Dependent ID, Tribal ID, Passport and/or Bureau of Indian Affairs card** ID must have photo and identifiable information (such as date of birth) If you receive a new state issued ID, a copy of the paper ID will be accepted until you receive the actual card in the mail. At that time, you will need to provide a copy of the actual ID. A SCHOOL ID IS NOT A VALID PHOTO ID.
  - Custody Paperwork:** Required if person signing as parent/guardian is not listed on the birth certificate and in cases where there is shared custody

***For questions about the application packet, please contact [goamya@alaska.gov](mailto:goamya@alaska.gov) or your assigned admissions representative.***

**This packet can be faxed 907-428-7385, scanned to [goamya@alaska.gov](mailto:goamya@alaska.gov) or your assigned admissions representative, or submitted directly to an AMYA Admissions Office. An interview will be completed with the youth once this packet is received.**

# ALASKA MILITARY YOUTH ACADEMY

APPLICATION- BASIC INFORMATION- Applicant is the youth applying for admission who may also be referred to as candidate or cadet

## APPLICANT'S CONTACT INFORMATION: DO NOT ENTER PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION HERE

**Social Security Number #:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Have you applied before? \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (middle) \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Address:** (NO PO Box): \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ (\*must have own email-not parents)

**Applicant's Phone #:** Home \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ MMDDYY Age as of Today: \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Must be between the ages of 16-18 on the start date of the cycle*

-Are you a US Citizen or Legal Resident?  No  Yes

-Are you currently on probation?  No  Yes

-Have you ever had a probation officer?  No  Yes

Probation Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

-Have you ever had an Office of Children's Services /Indian Child Welfare Act caseworker?  No  Yes, if yes:

Caseworker Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Referral Source (How did you hear about AMYA?) Check **all** that apply

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Another Applicant      | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Advertisement (brochure, flyer, postcard)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Cadet            | <input type="checkbox"/> School Friends       | <input type="checkbox"/> School Staff (counselor, teacher, coach etc.)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio Ad            | <input type="checkbox"/> Website/Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker/Probation Officer/Counselor/Therapist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____ |   |  |

### Ethnicity (Check all that apply):

- ASIAN -  BLACK -  CAUCASIAN -  HISPANIC -  NATIVE AMERICAN -  PACIFIC ISLANDER
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- |   |                                  |                                   |                               |                                |                                 |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALASKA NATIVE → Regional Corp? | <input type="checkbox"/> AHTNA   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aleut    | <input type="checkbox"/> ASRC | <input type="checkbox"/> BSNC  | <input type="checkbox"/> BBNC   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Calista | <input type="checkbox"/> Chugach  | <input type="checkbox"/> CIRI | <input type="checkbox"/> DOYON | <input type="checkbox"/> Koniag |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> NANA    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sealaska |                               |                                |                                 |

Applicant's Vital Statistics

HAIR COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ EYE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT: \_\_\_\_ Feet \_\_\_\_ Inches WEIGHT (lbs): \_\_\_\_\_

Please be as accurate in sizing as possible. Sizing is unisex (i.e. men's sizing, females may need to size down)

This information will be used to issue clothing.

Shirt Size (Circle closest current size): XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

Pant size (Circle closest current size): XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

\*\*Females only\*\*: Sports Bra Size XS S M L XL 2XL

		band						
		34	36	38	40	42	44	46
cup	A		S					
	B			M	L			
	C					XL		2X
	D							

Shoe Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Circle: Is shoe width? **REGULAR** or **WIDE** Is shoe size? \_\_\_\_\_

-Do you currently have health insurance?  No  Yes

-Are you married?  No  Yes, if yes: Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_

-Do you have any children?  No  Yes, if yes: Names/Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children on the way (male) or could you be pregnant (female)?  No  Yes  Possibly

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will care for your child(ren) if you attend AMYA? \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Custody

If applicant is under the age of 18, who has legal custody? \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of custody is required for youth under 18 if the legal guardian is not listed on birth certificate. Parents who have divorced and received physical custody or right to make educational decisions/placements must provide copy of the custody agreement - or - both parents must sign the application materials - or - additional parent/guardian must provide signed written notice of their support for their child attending. Parents who are married-only one parent needs to complete.

Notes/Information Regarding Custody that AMYA staff should be aware of (no contact allowed, deceased parent(s), tribal custody, etc)

---



---



---



---



---



---



---

Parent/Guardian Information

If applicant is 18, still list parent information

**PARENT/GUARDIAN** RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Home Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE NOTE THAT E-MAIL IS THE PRIMARY FORM OF COMMUNICATION FROM AMYA STAFF*

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person authorized for pickup? Yes No Primary Contact  -or- Secondary Emergency Contact

*Additional- PARENT/GUARDIAN* RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Home Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE NOTE THAT E-MAIL IS THE PRIMARY FORM OF COMMUNICATION FROM AMYA STAFF*

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person authorized for pickup? Yes No Primary Contact  -or- Secondary Emergency Contact

*Additional- PARENT/GUARDIAN* RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Home Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE NOTE THAT E-MAIL IS THE PRIMARY FORM OF COMMUNICATION FROM AMYA STAFF*

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person authorized for pickup? Yes No Primary Contact  -or- Secondary Emergency Contact

*Additional- PARENT/GUARDIAN* RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Home Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE NOTE THAT E-MAIL IS THE PRIMARY FORM OF COMMUNICATION FROM AMYA STAFF*

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person authorized for pickup? Yes No Primary Contact  -or- Secondary Emergency Contact

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION-DO NOT ENTER PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION HERE**

*In the event of an emergency, and the parents/guardians can't be reached, we will make every attempt to reach one of the emergency contacts. The emergency contacts may be allowed to pick up the student in the absence of the parent/guardian. The contact should be over 21, and will be required to show picture ID when picking up.*

**\*MUST HAVE 1 ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY CONTACT OTHER THAN PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS\***

**(1) EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot be parent/guardian)

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ PH #: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PH #: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS(ES):** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person authorized for pick-up?  Yes  No

**(2) EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot be parent/guardian)

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ PH #: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PH #: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS(ES):** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person authorized for pick-up?  Yes  No

I fully understand that the Alaska Military's ChalleNGe Program will be physically and mentally demanding. I **VOLUNTARILY** accept the challenge. I understand that the Alaska Military Youth Academy does not provide day care for dependents and has very limited medical services. To the best of my knowledge, all statements made by me on this application are true. **I further understand that the information I have given in this application and the documents attached hereto are subject to verification and that I may be disqualified from attending the Alaska Military Youth Academy if it is determined that the information I have provided is false. Changes in any of this information or qualifications must be provided to admissions and could affect acceptance status. In addition, the youth can be dismissed from campus should additional information contrary to this application be identified during the residential portion of the program.**

**(A) APPLICANT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**(1) PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

*REMINDER: Proof of custody is required for youth under 18 if the legal guardian is not listed on birth certificate. Parents who have divorced and received physical custody or right to make educational decisions/placements must provide copy of the custody agreement - or - both parents must sign the application materials - or - additional parent/guardian must provide signed written notice of their support for their child attending.*





## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & WAIVER

### (1) PURPOSE

The purpose of this statement is to provide Applicants, Candidates, Cadets, and their parents and guardians, a full and complete description of the nature of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program (NGYCP) conducted by the Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA) within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA).

### (2) GENERAL OVERVIEW

a. The Challenge Program is an evidence-based federal/state partnership program operating under the auspices of the National Guard. Each state chooses to participate in the program administers and oversees its own program. The NGYCP provides military-based training, discipline, and structure, job readiness training, and alternative educational approaches through a military-based training model that is the foundation on which the NGYCP is built. It closely resembles structured and disciplined entry level military training that teaches the participants the life-long non-cognitive skills necessary to become successful adults. Personal skills such as impulse control, self-discipline and self-regulation, teamwork, follow-through, persistence, and delayed gratification are taught in a residential setting. Participants who were unable to be successful in a traditional school setting learn personal responsibility and accountability for their choices that translates well into short-term marketable post residential opportunities, and long-term productive citizenship. The NGYCP is comprised of phases; Admissions/Recruitment, Acclimation, Residential, and Post-Residential phases of the NGYCP. This is identified as the Basic Challenge Program.

b. **Challenge is a voluntary program.** NGYCP stands unique in mission and format and offers an alternative unlike any other youth serving program, and selects participants accordingly. Rigorous screening and selection criteria are the cornerstone of the admissions. No participant is required to attend, and no parent or guardian is required to send their child. It is neither a juvenile justice detention alternative nor a therapeutic environment for those with serious clinical mental health or substance abuse issues.

c. The Challenge Program is not a traditional high school. It consists of two phases. The Residential Phase includes an approximate two week (11 – 14 day) extension of the screening process referred to as the Acclimation Period; where Candidates are assessed for their willingness to participate in the remaining portion of the Residential Phase. Candidates officially receive “Cadet” status upon successful completion of Acclimation. The Acclimation Period is immediately followed by the remainder of the 20 week Residential Phase. (**Combined 22 weeks on campus**) After graduation from the Residential Phase, Cadets embark on the Post-Residential Phase conducted off campus in the Cadet’s hometown or other location.

d. The Challenge Program focuses on “Eight Core Components” to achieve overall success. The “Eight Core Components” are:

1. Academic Excellence;
2. Physical Fitness;
3. Job Skills;
4. Service to Community;
5. Health and Hygiene;
6. Responsible Citizenship;
7. Leadership/followership; and
8. Life Coping Skills

e. The Challenge Program's enrollment criteria requires Candidates to be;

1. A citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.
2. Not under indictment, or ever convicted of a felony (or any crime that would be considered to be a felony if perpetrated by an adult), and not currently on parole or probation for other than juvenile status offenses or misdemeanors. No felony convictions/adjudications and no court requirements for the 22 weeks they live on campus.
3. Willing to be free from the illegal use of drugs or substances, alcohol, and tobacco products during the program. Youth will be required to participate in regular and random urinalysis (UA's).
4. Physically and mentally capable to fully participate in the program in which enrolled with reasonable accommodation for physical and other disabilities. The NGYCP is not a psychiatric, therapeutic program and is not appropriate for applicants who have received mental illness diagnoses where they may present a danger to themselves or others; when their situation is incompatible with a high stress, high-tempo schedule; or if they require off-campus treatment that would deprive them of full program participation.
5. Able to communicate sufficiently with program staff to participate safely in the program.
6. Between 16 and 18 years of age on the first day of the Residential phase -or- if \*15 will turn 16 prior to Academy graduation date (\*this is at the discretion of AMYA Director) In some cases National may allow a 19 year old to attend with a waiver.
7. Without a high school diploma or GED. Youth who have either are not eligible to apply.
8. Struggling to obtain their high school education -or- struggling in any of our 8 core components.

f. The Alaska Military Youth Academy can remove participants from the program for failure to meet the standards of the Eight Core Components or for other reasons which include, but are not limited to the following: breaches of law or breaking the rules of the Academy, positive drug test results, and/or danger to self or others.

g. A major function of the Academy is to ensure and provide a safe environment that includes treating all participants with dignity and respect. The Academy has a strict "Hands Off" policy under which Staff is prohibited from physically touching a Candidate/Cadet for reasons other than for "necessary or common touch." "Necessary touch" includes, but is not limited to rendering first aid or saving a life, and touch to prevent injury to a Candidate/Cadet from themselves or another. "Common touch" includes a common hand shake, congratulatory "pat on the back", or touch to correct or fix a uniform deficiency after asking and notifying the Candidate/Cadet.

h. The Challenge Program is a physically and mentally demanding program that places a high degree of responsibility on the Candidates/Cadets. As part of the intense nature of the program, Candidates/ Cadets will have limited contact with their parents/guardians. Candidates/Cadets will also have limited contact with other outside personal contacts.

(i) To ensure safety of candidates/cadets and staff, the Alaska Military Youth Academy will conduct mandatory "shakedowns". A shakedown is a thorough search of person, personal items, and place. Any search of a candidate's/cadet's person will be conducted in a private setting and does not require the cadet to pull clothing aside or disrobe to less than the minimum physical training (PT) uniform. Shakedowns will be conducted, but not limited, to times when Candidates/Cadets return from being off campus without a staff member, during In-processing, return from service to the community, passes, and appointments. A random shakedown may occur whenever there's reasonable suspicion that a candidate/cadet possesses contraband.

### **(3) THE ACCLIMATION RESIDENTIAL PHASE (FIRST 11-14 DAYS OF THE 22 WEEK RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM, APPLICANT CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE DURING THIS TIME)**

a. Each participant will take part in an acclimation phase of approximately 2 weeks to orient them to the rigors of the program's environment and provide program staff the opportunity to evaluate each



participant's suitability to enter into the follow-on Residential Challenge phase. The Acclimation Phase is highly intensive, demanding and rigorous. While it closely resembles military training, the environment emphasizes group and individual discipline it is designed to test the Candidate's resolve to stick with their decision and equips them to operate as a productive, positive member of a cohesive unit. This initial introduction to the program includes removing distractions from the Candidates (influence of girlfriends, boyfriends, school friends, electronic devices, etc.) and learning to replace bad habits and dependencies (tobacco, irregular sleeping cycles, poor eating habits, lack of physical activity, etc.) with more positive ones. Candidates in the Acclimation Phase are under the supervision of Cadre and other program staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

b. Candidates in the Acclimation Phase will be introduced to the physical fitness routine/program within their capability, aimed at improving their quality of life and healthy habits. Common physical fitness activities during this period will include callisthenic exercises as well as cardiovascular events such as running. Individual and group physical fitness activities, such as push-ups, may be used to reinforce learning points and objectives while at the same time improve physical fitness.

c. Candidates in the Acclimation Phase will have limited physical comforts and amenities. Living conditions can be akin to camping out. Candidates can be housed in heated tents or rudimentary buildings, and may sleep on ground pads in sleeping bags. Meals may be served "field style" and bathroom facilities may be portable. Showers will be on a scheduled basis to ensure hygiene. Candidates earn amenities and comforts such as use of the dining facility, barracks and indoor bathrooms during the course of the Acclimation Phase.

d. In the Acclimation Phase, the Staff begins assisting Candidates with recognizing and reinforcing positive behavior and choices. Positive behavior choices are recognized and built upon while negative behavior and choices are positively corrected.

e. Candidates often want to leave during the Acclimation Phase for a multitude of reasons. It is not uncommon for Candidates to feel that they are being treated unfairly to gain a parent/guardian's support for them to leave the program. Parents/ Guardians need to be aware candidates may use many tactics to convince their parents/guardians to leave the program. Parents/Guardians should only support their continued attendance and completion of the Acclimation Phase. Any allegations of mistreatment are taken seriously and will be investigated thoroughly.

f. Candidates who graduate from the Acclimation Phase will earn the status of "Cadet" and continue through the remainder of the Residential Phase on campus.

#### **(4) CHALLENGE RESIDENTIAL PHASE (20 WEEKS, INCLUDING THE ACCLIMATION PHASE-22 WEEKS, CONSIDERED A CADET DURING THIS TIME)**

a. This phase will last at least 20 weeks. The application of a caring, disciplined environment and the eight core components develops character, strengthens personal skills, and guides cadets toward self-governance. The Residential Phase focus is on the Cadet's successful completion of the "Eight Core Components" which the ChalleNGe curriculum is based.

b. The Residential Phase consists of a variety of activities intended to develop a successful Cadet. Those activities include:

(1). Vocational Activities (Job Skills). This may include community work experience, job shadowing, and vocational training and experience. Vocational activities may include carpentry, computer skills, office skills, etc.

(2). Academic Activities (Academic Excellence). Provides Cadets the opportunity to recover credits, complete a high school or obtain a GED Certificate. While Academics are given extremely high priority, completion and graduation of the Residential Phase does not guarantee that a Cadet will obtain a Diploma or GED Certificate.

(3). General Education Activities. This includes physical fitness, service to community, health and hygiene, responsible citizenship, leader/followership, and life coping skills. Cadets learn to deal with emotions of anger, grief, and frustration, learn personal financial management, increase self-esteem/discipline, learn the effects of substance abuse and sexually transmitted diseases on their lives, and the value of proper nutrition, and personal hygiene.

(4). "Green Line" Adventure Training Activities. These activities meet the Cadet's need for adventure and learning. Activities may include an obstacle course, jumping from a "Jump Tower", rappelling, seasonal water and winter survival training, fishing, canoeing/boating/rafting, swimming, off site trips to familiarization rides in military aircraft, and hiking.

#### **(5) POST RESIDENTIAL PHASE**

During the Post-Residential phase, community mentors will assist the program staff and support the program graduates in sustaining the execution of the cadets' post-residential action plans for the future while reintegrating them back into open society. The Post Residential Phase is an off-campus phase where graduates have the opportunity to apply program strategies and learning in transition to serving as a productive member of society. Mentors and parents/guardians provide guidance and support to Graduates. Cadets follow and utilize a Post- Residential Action Plan ("PRAP") developed during the Residential Phase to guide them toward their goals. Success in this Phase is to ensure a Cadet is productive with a minimum of 25 hours per week (gainfully employed, school full/part time, or engaged in subsistence/volunteering) and maintains contact with the Mentor and Academy staff. Cadets are required to contact the Academy staff at the end of every month.

#### **(6) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT**

I/We have read the above Program Description and consent to my/our child/ward's participation in the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program.

I/We consent and agree to the enrollment of the Candidate/Cadet into the Alaska Military Youth Academy's ChalleNGe Program and all the elements of the program. The opportunity to participate in the ChalleNGe Program is accepted entirely at my/our own risk and at the risk of my/our child/ward. We accept the risks that are inherent in the activities and programs described in this Notice.

#### **(7) TRANSPORTATION CONSENT**

I understand and agree that the Candidate/Cadet will occasionally be transported by aircraft and/or surface motor vehicles while enrolled in the Alaska Military Youth Academy.

I consent and authorize the United States of America, State of Alaska, the Alaska Military Youth Academy and the Alaska National Guard to transport the Candidate/Cadet as a passenger in or on United States of America, State of Alaska and/or Alaska National Guard aircraft and/or surface motor vehicle during the period that he or she is participating in the Alaska Military Youth Academy's ChalleNGe Program. This transportation is accepted entirely at my own risk and at the risk of the Candidate/Cadet. In consideration for the transportation provided, I release and forever discharge the governments of the United States of America and the State of Alaska, and their employees and agents, acting officially and otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions, or cause of action, for any injury or illness to the Candidate/Cadet, or loss of personal property which may occur from any cause during said transportation, as well as ground operations incident thereto.

**(8) NOTICE OF TRANSPORTATION RESPONSIBILITY**

**I understand and agree that if the Candidate/Cadet desires to leave the ChalleNGe Program, or if the parent/guardian desires to have a Candidate/Cadet leave the ChalleNGe Residential Program, within the first 21 days of the program, it is the parent’s/guardian’s responsibility to pay for his/her return home.**

During the first 21 days of the program the Alaska Military Youth Academy will pay to return Candidates home only when the Academy releases Candidates for cause, either for medical, behavioral, or other reasons. Candidates released after day 21 of the program will be returned home at the Academy’s expense.

**(9) PARENT SUPPORT**

I understand am aware that the Candidate/Cadet will be facing many physical and mental challenges on a daily basis. These challenges are an integral part of the ChalleNGe Program. These challenges are designed to build self-esteem, to create a climate of accomplishment, and to encourage and develop team cohesiveness. As with all true challenges, there will be times of self-doubt and frustrations to overcome. I understand there may even be periods when the Candidate/Cadet looks to me as a potential “tool” to enable his or her limited participation or departure from the Academy.

No Candidate/Cadet at the Alaska Military Youth Academy’s ChalleNGe Program will be successful without the positive support and active participation of that Candidate/Cadet’s parents or guardians. I therefore agree and contract to support the efforts of the ChalleNGe Program by supporting my Candidate/Cadet in his or her efforts to succeed. I will demonstrate this support by providing praise and encouragement in times of success, and reassurance and motivation during times of frustration. I am committed to the maximum extent possible, to ensure my Cadet remains in the ChalleNGe Program until completion of the 22 week Residential Phase and Post Residential Phase that follows.

**(10) MODEL CONSENT AND RELEASE**

**I understand and agree my Candidate/Cadet will be photographed, videotaped, audio taped, filmed by motion picture equipment, or otherwise have his or her voice and likeness recorded while enrolled in the Alaska Military Youth Academy.**

I hereby grant to the Alaska Military Youth Academy and the governments of the United States of America and the State of Alaska the right to use for promotional, recruiting, training, advertising, news, or any other purpose, the likeness and voice of the Cadet, as recorded at the Alaska Military Youth Academy, for an unlimited period of time beginning on the date this document is signed.

**Parent Initials** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Initials** \_\_\_\_\_



**(11) INTERNET USER AGREEMENT**

Program participants will have access to the campus computer network for filtered internet access only. Access to the Internet enables Candidates/Cadets to explore thousands of libraries and databases, and other helpful resources. However, be advised that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, inaccurate, degrading and offensive. Our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives. Therefore, we restrict websites that are not a part of their research or academic assignments. We are connected to a fiber optics system with firewall software installed and Academy staff will monitor and supervise all Internet and computer activities at all times.

Program participants are responsible for good behavior on Academy computer networks just as they are in a classroom. General Academy rules for behavior and communications apply. The network is provided for Cadets to conduct research. Access to network services is given to program participants who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access to the Academy’s network is a privilege, not a right; access entails responsibility.

Users of the Academy computers are responsible for their behavior and communications over the network and are expected to comply with the State of Alaska standards. The following are not permitted:

- Visiting websites that contain subject matter containing illegal drugs, pornography, violence, gambling, games, chat rooms, music downloads, video downloads, shopping or any other website not directly related to academic studies or goal setting.
- Access to email accounts of any type
- Sending or displaying offensive messages or picture
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another’s password
- Trespassing in another’s folders, work or files
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Deliberate damage to hardware or software
- Hacking of any kind. It is a felony to hack a government network.
- Use of Academy computers for illegal activities

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

AMYA is not liable for harm or injury that a user may suffer as a consequence of any inaccurate information they may obtain through the Internet. The program participant agrees to be bound by this release of liability and waives any and all rights to assert claims, which may arise due to use of these electronic services.

As a parent or legal guardian of the program participant, I grant permission for my program participant to access networked computer services on the Internet. I recognize every effort is being made for the Alaska Military Youth Academy to restrict access to all controversial materials. I hereby give permission for my child to access the Internet. This permission shall be in effect as long as the program participant is enrolled in the Residential Phase of the Alaska Military Youth Academy.

## **(12) FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), federal law requires that AMYA, with certain exceptions, obtain your consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education. However, AMYA may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you decline by completing this form. In addition, federal laws requires AMYA to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless you decline below. More information can be found at the website <http://www2.ed.gov/ferpa>. State law requires AMYA to provide information about the eligibility of high school diplomas recipients for University of Alaska Scholarships including the name and addresses of those students who qualify for a scholarship. However, you can decline to have eligibility information disclosed to the University of Alaska Scholarship program by completing this form.

**AMYA officials may release directory information, as set forth above, about a student without first obtaining parental consent, unless you decline below by checking “NO”;**

**No Grant Directory Information Release for the following types of graduation related activities:**

- **Publicized Graduation lists**
- **Vendors for Class Rings and Photos**
- **Requests from outside agencies acknowledging Graduates with letters or certificates.**

(IF YOU CHECK NO; YOUTH CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION, WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE YEARBOOK, ETC)

**No Grant Directory Information Release (student contact information) to College/Universities**

(IF YOU CHECK NO, YOUTH ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO COLLEGES)

**No Grant Directory Information Release (student contact information) to Military Recruiters**

**No Grant Release of Scholarship Eligibility information to the \*University of Alaska.**

(IF YOU CHECK NO, YOUTH ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR OR RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS)

**Parent Initials** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Initials** \_\_\_\_\_



**(13) NOTICE/INTENT OF WITHDRAWAL OR TRANSFER/ NEED FOR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION**

I understand that the applicant will be required to withdraw or transfer from current school/education program based on their current school/state requirement (please contact your current school to determine). I further understand and acknowledge the applicant has not already earned a high school diploma or GED.

**(14) NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS**

AMYA operates under the Department of Military and Veteran’s Affairs and not under the Department of Education. AMYA does not have a special education department/teacher, youth with common special education needs historically perform well in ChalleNGe programs due to the structure, class aptitude placement, and availability of staff and Cadet Mentors to help with informal tutoring.

**(15) NOTICE OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANT STATUS DURING THE RESIDENTIAL PHASE**

a. Please be advised that Participants receiving training during the Residential Phase of the Program are neither Federal employees nor members of the National Guard; however, the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) authorizes them FECA coverage by recognizing them as Federal employees (GS-2) while in attendance.

(1). The participant shall be considered Federal employees under Subchapter I of Chapter 81 of Title 5, U.S. Code, for the purpose of compensation for work injuries; and for the purpose of Sections 1346(b) and Chapter 171 of Title 28, U.S. Code, and any other provision of law relating to the liability of the United States for tortious conduct of employees of the United States.

(2). If a Participant is injured at an assigned location of training or other activity authorized in accordance with the Program operation, they will be processed through FECA. Participants shall not be considered to be in the performance of duty while traveling to or from the location or is on pass from that training or other activity.

(3). In computing compensation benefits for disability or death, the monthly pay of a participant shall be deemed that received under the entrance salary for a grade GS-2 Federal employee.

(4). The entitlement of a person to receive compensation for a disability shall begin on the day following the date that the person's participation in the Program is terminated.

b. The FECA claims submission and coordination process is conducted within the State through the AMYA HQ Support Services Section. The Support Services staff will process actions through the SOA FECA Point of Contact (POC).I/We acknowledge receipt of this information and will seek clarification from the appropriate AMYA staff if I/We have additional questions.

**(16) RELEASE AND WAIVER**

In consideration for the privilege and opportunity of attending the ChalleNGe Program of the Alaska Military Youth Academy, I release the governments of the United States of America and the State of Alaska and all employees and/or agents thereof, acting officially or otherwise, from all claims, demands, actions, or cause of action, due to any injury to, or illness of the Candidate/Cadet, or loss of personal property which may occur from any cause during the participation of the Candidate/Cadet in the Academy's Challenge Program and any and all activities incident thereof.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree with the contents of the Program and Description Waiver form to include the (1) Purpose, (2) General Overview, (3) Acclimation Phase, (4) Residential Phase, (5) Post Residential Phase, (6) Acknowledgement and Consent, (7) Transportation Consent, (8) Notification of Transportation Responsibility, (9) Parent Support Contract, (10) Model Consent and Release, (11) Internet User Agreement, (12) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), (13) Notice/Intent of Withdrawal/Need for High School Education (14) Notice of Special Education Needs and (15) Notice of Program Participant Status During the Residential Phase (16) Release and Waiver of which all are contained in the AMYA Application Packet-Program Description and Waiver Form denoted by pages A7-14.

**(1) Parent/Guardian**

*(Parent signature not required for those age 18)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) Parent/Guardian (if required)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(A) Applicant (future Candidate/Cadet)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



Legal Acknowledgement/Juvenile Justice Release

Has the applicant ever had or currently have a juvenile probation officer? [ ] No (if no, you must still sign in box) [ ] \*Yes (complete top, DJJ bottom, and sign)

If Yes: Juvenile Probation Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If yes, must have Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) staff member must complete the bottom portion of this form.

If 18, has the applicant ever been charged or convicted of a felony offense? [ ] No [ ] \*Yes (automatic disqualifier)

By signing below you are acknowledging that the above information is true to the best of your knowledge. You are also authorizing Juvenile Justice to verify and release your adjudication history; and for youth currently supervised; include information or court orders, probation or other conditions (terms of supervision) to AMYA to determine your eligibility.

(1) Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(A) Applicant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(A) Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

-----Below to be completed by Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Representative -----

I, \_\_\_\_\_, juvenile probation officer or authorized Division of Juvenile Justice Representative, for AMYA Applicant above, declare that he/she has not been adjudicated of a felony offense, and for currently supervised youth; does not have unresolved charges or will not have court requirements for the 22 weeks they will be residing at AMYA, and support their attendance at AMYA.

\*\*\*\* AMYA REQUIRES copies of the youth's adjudication history and, if currently supervised, Probation Conditions, Disposition/Adjudication Order, Held in Abeyance (HIA) Agreement or Informal Probation Agreement \*\*\*\* Youth WILL NOT be accepted until this form and documentation above has been received.

X \_\_\_\_\_ DJJ Staff Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_ Title

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON**  
**RISK ADVISEMENT**

This is a partial list of possible hazards and is intended to alert you to the types of hazards you or your child may face while participating in the Alaska National Guard's Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA cadet activities conducted on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska facilities.

- a. CONFIDENCE/OBSTACLE COURSE: Participating in this activity poses a risk of bodily injury, including, but not limited to, cuts, bruises, abrasions, burns, sprains, broken bones from falls and collisions with other participants or stationary objects, and possible permanent injury or death. (USARAK facility)
- b. RAPPEL TOWER: Rappelling activities pose the risk of serious bodily injury, including possible permanent injury or death, from falls, collisions with other participants, improper use of safety equipment, and failing to follow safety instructions. (USARAK facility)
- c. SWIMMING POOL AND FITNESS FACILITIES: Participating in this activity poses a risk of bodily injury, including, but not limited to, drowning, cuts, bruises, abrasions, sprains, broken bones from falls and collisions with other participants or stationary objects, and possible permanent injury or death. (673 ABW JBER facilities)

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the privilege of being allowed to participate in NG ChalleNGe activities on JBER, the person(s) who have signed below, their families, dependents, agents, heirs and assignees, do:

- a. Agree, freely and voluntarily, to not file claim or sue, and to release the United States of America, the United States Air Force, the United States Army its employees and agents from any suit, damage action, liability, or any claim of any nature, whatsoever, for any bodily injury, death or damage to personal property, arising from participation in NG ChalleNGe cadet activities on JBER, excluding, however, those arising solely from the intentional misconduct of the United States of America, the United States Air Force, the United States Army its employees and agents.
- b. Agree, freely and voluntarily, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States of America, the United States Air Force, the United States Army, its employees and agents, against all liability, claims, demands, suits, or actions of any nature, whatsoever, for or on account of any bodily injury, death or damage to personal property arising from participation in NG ChalleNGe cadet activities on JBER, excluding, however, those arising solely from the intentional misconduct of the United States of America, the United States Air Force, United States Army, its employees and agents.

(A) Applicant Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

(A) Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is under 18, parent/guardian information is required;

(1) Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

**Don't forget, your application also needs the following;**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of Birth Certificate** (If you cannot find yours, request copy and provide copy of the request- upon receipt of original birth certificate- provide copy to AMYA . Alaskan Birth request at:  
[http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/birth/birth\\_form.pdf](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/birth/birth_form.pdf))

\_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of Social Security Card** (if you cannot find yours, request copy and provide request- upon receipt of SS card-provide copy to AMYA.)  
Request can be found at: <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of a valid State ID, Military Dependent ID, passport and/or Bureau of Indian Affairs card/Tribal ID**

ID must have photo and identifiable information (such as date of birth) If you receive a new state issued ID, a copy of the paper ID will be accepted until you receive the actual card in the mail. At that time, you will need to provide a copy of the actual ID. A SCHOOL ID IS NOT A VALID PHOTO ID.

*(IF APPLICABLE- If Marked Yes on Legal Acknowledgment Form)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Legal Involvement**-If you have current or past Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) involvement you or your Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO) must provide your adjudication history, and for those currently supervised; copies of the Probation Conditions, Disposition/Adjudication Order, Held in Abeyance (HIA) Agreement or Informal Probation Agreement.

**Conditional Acceptance cannot be determined until all items are received.**