

ALASKA MILITARY YOUTH ACADEMY QUALIFICATIONS

In order to qualify to apply, youth must:

- 1. Be a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and residing in Alaska?**
 - Youth must be residing in Alaska and, if under age 18, have a parent/guardian also residing in Alaska.
- 2. Be 16, 17, or 18 years of age on the start date of the cycle?-or- If *15 years of age, must turn 16 prior to AMYA graduation date.**
 - Youth may turn 19 while at the academy, but on the start of the cycle they must be 16, 17, or 18** years old.
 - or- those who are 15 must turn 16 prior to AMYA graduation date **this is at AMYA Director Discretion.*
- 3. Be in need of your high school education?** Youth who have a GED or high school diploma are not eligible to apply.
 - Youth must need extra assistance in any of our 8 core components (Academic Excellence, Job Skills, Leadership/Followership, Life Coping Skills, Health/Hygiene, Responsible Citizenship, Physical Fitness, or Service to Community)

Youth may (and are encouraged to) stay enrolled in their current school/schooling program while applying for AMYA, however if youth obtain a GED or High School Diploma they are no longer eligible for AMYA.
- 4. Be physically and mentally capable of completing a demanding program?**
 - Youth must be able to engage in physical activities with minimal modifications. This includes, walking, running, jumping, push-ups, sit-ups etc.
 - Youth must be physically and mentally capable to fully participate in the program with reasonable accommodation for physical and other disabilities. AMYA 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.
 - Youth who have received mental health treatment/counseling or had suicide attempts/plans within the past 6 months MUST provide discharge summary and/or letter from mental health/medical professional supporting their attendance.
 - Youth with extensive food allergies may not be eligible.
 - Able to communicate sufficiently in English with program staff to participate safely in the program.
- 5. Be free of legal entanglements?** (No felony offenses/adjudications, no court requirements for 5 months on campus)
 - Not under indictment, or ever convicted/adjudicated 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 court requirements for the 5 months youth reside on campus.
- 6. Be willing to be free from the illegal use of drugs or substances, alcohol, and tobacco products during the program.**
 - Youth will participate in regular and random urinalysis testing, any positive result is reason for immediate dismissal.
- 7. Be a volunteer participant?**
 - Youth must have a desire to attend.
 - Youth cannot be forced to attend by parent/guardian or any other entity.

**If you are unsure if you qualify please contact your admissions representative, or,
goamy@alaska.gov, before proceeding.**