

Battle Born Youth ChalleNGe Academy (BBYCA) is a tuition-free, educational program of the National Guard and the State of Nevada. Participation is voluntary, and the Academy uses a quasi-military model to reclaim the potential of disproportionately affected youth across the state. There is a two-week Acclimation Phase, a 20-week Residential Phase, and a 12-month Post-Residential Phase. The campus is in Carlin (Elko County), NV.

What if my child doesn't want to come to the Academy? BBYCA, like all ChalleNGe programs is voluntary. While your child does not need to be over-the-moon excited to attend, he/she must be willing. Our Cadets are not incarcerated and will not be treated as such; we cannot and will not keep them here against their will.



My child has learning differences or disabilities, can you meet the accommodations specified by his/her school? Yes. Individual Education Plans, 504 Accommodations, Behavior Improvement Plans, and/or Full and Individual Evaluations must be submitted during the application process so that our Principal and Special Education teacher have time to plan accordingly.

Does my child have to join the military after graduation? No. We will likely have military recruiters as guest speakers at some point in the cycle, but there is no obligation for your child to speak with them or pursue enlistment. Each Cadet will take the ASVAB; however, it is used primarily as a career exploration tool as opposed to a step for enlistment.



Will my child get his/her diploma or HiSet? That depends on your child, his/her academic history, and his/her progress at the Academy. Classes are online and self-paced. As such, Cadets will earn credits at different rates. If your child is within 5 or 6 credits of completing a diploma, chances are good he/she will earn it if they don't waste time in the classroom. Most Cadets will earn credits and return to their home campuses on track and with the mindset to succeed at earning a diploma with their classmates. Selected Cadets will begin preparing for the HiSet (high school equivalency) test. Passing the test and earning their equivalency is the ideal situation for the older students who are further behind on credits.

How important is the mentor, and what if I do not have one? Your child's mentor is instrumental in his/her success after leaving the program. The mentor is responsible for maintaining a relationship with your child and holding him/her accountable to the goals he/she set while at the Academy. The mentor serves as another caring adult in your child's life and will stay in contact with BBYCA staff for a full year following graduation from the residential phase. Your child will not be accepted to the Academy without a mentor.



For more information or to apply, please visit: <https://nvng.nv.gov/BBYCA>