

#### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

A. Submit **ORIGINAL** Application Packet (original signatures are required) and copies of documents to the MCA. Please do not FAX or EMAIL.

Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy PO Box 586

	Kingwood WV 26537	
B.	complete the <b>Application Packet</b> in blue ink. Answer all questions, leave nothing blank. State prointed guardians must sign all documents if the Applicant is in State Custody. Use this checklist    1. Application and Education / Employment / Legal Review  2. Medical History Review  3. Release of School Records – Sign and return. MCA will process with school.  4. Release of Legal Records  5. Acknowledgments  6. Mentor Prospects  7. Emergency Notification and Authorized Transportation List	
C.	Submit a COPY of these documents with the Application OR bring to the Orientation event. Use the hecklist:  1. Official Birth Certificate – not the hospital copy 2. Social Security Card OR proof of application OR request for duplicate card 3. Medical Insurance Card – front and back 4. Current Immunization Records including: Adult Tdap (Tetanus, Diptheria, Pertussis) TB (Tuberculosis) Meningitis	те

- D. Attend an **Orientation Processing Interview** (OPI) event.
  - 1. OPI is a LONG DAY starting PROMPTLY at 10:00am and ending at 3:30pm.
  - 2. A letter with the OPI date will be mailed to the applicant after MCA receives the application.
  - 3. The Applicant AND a Parent/Legal Guardian must attend OPI to sign forms.
- E. A **Mentor** is required for each Cadet. Start the process of finding your Mentor now. Visit www.wvchallenge.org and click on MENTORS to learn more about this unique part of the Program and download a Mentor Application. Submit your Mentor Application with your Cadet Application if possible. If you have questions, please call the RPM Assistant for your county.

The information provided on the application and forms required by the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy must be accurate and truthful. If pertinent information is withheld OR false information is provided regarding the Applicant, both the safety and well-being of the Applicant could be jeopardized. If pertinent information is withheld OR false information is provided regarding the Applicant, the Applicant would no longer be considered for admission OR could be disenrolled from the program upon discovery of such information. This program is voluntary and deals with discipline, honor and confidence. The program is not equipped to cure or deal with issues that require therapeutic or addiction care or criminal behavior.

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#### **Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy**

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MENTORING

#### 1. Are Mentors Required?

Mentors are required for every Cadet, no exceptions.

#### 2. What is a Mentor?

Most dictionaries define a Mentor as "a wise and trusted teacher or counselor". The required Mentoring relationship is crucial to the success of the Cadet and to ChalleNGe. Mentors accept the challenge to help provide a link between the Cadet and the Academy, during both the Residential and the Post Residential Phase of the program.

#### 3. Where do I find a Mentor?

The best place to find a Mentor is from people you know: family friends, teachers, police officers, pastors/churches, neighbors, counselors, military personnel, Boys and Girls Clubs, extended family, etc. It is the family's responsibility to identify a Mentor.

### 4. How many times does the Mentor have to come to the Academy?

Only one time! Mentors are only required to come to the Academy to attend Mentor Training and/or Matching Ceremony. All Mentors are welcomed and encouraged to attend Mentor Visitation Day and the Graduation Ceremony.

#### 5. When is Mentor Training scheduled?

Multiple training sessions are available at different times on different days. Time is set aside to meet with Cadets. Parents may not attend. MCA will contact the Mentor directly to schedule training.

#### 6. What are the qualifications for a Mentor?

- A. Complete the Mentor Application
  - i. At least 25 years of age or older
  - ii. Same gender as the Cadet if possible
  - iii. Live in close geographic proximity to the Cadet
- B. Complete the Mentor Training
- C. Submit fingerprints for background check
  - i. No felony convictions
  - ii. No sex offense charges
  - iii. No domestic battery charges
  - iv. No alcohol and/or substance abuse charges in the past five (5) years

#### D. Limitations

- i. Not an immediate family member of the Cadet
- ii. Not living in the same household as of the Cadet
- iii. Not the parent of a Cadet in the same class
- iv. Not a current MCA Staff member or their spouse
- v. Not more than one Cadet per class per Mentor

#### 7. When are Mentor Applications due?

Mentor applications must be received no later than Opening Day.

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# **APPLICATION**

# Do not leave any questions blank. Do not FAX your application.

Full Name	Social Security Number
Date of Birth	Age Race
Physical Address	County
City	State Zip
Mailing Address	
City	State Zip
Home Phone	☐ Male ☐ Female
Height Weight	Color Hair Color Eyes
Who do you live with?	
Have you been a resident of the State of West Virginia for thirty (30) da	ays or longer? ☐ Yes ☐ No
	,
Father	Step-Father
Address	Address
City/State/Zip  Home Phone	City/State/Zip  Home Phone
Mark Phone	Work Phone
Cell Phone	Cell Phone
Email	Email
Progress Report □ Yes □ No News Release □ Yes □ No	Progress Report □ Yes □ No News Release □ Yes □ No
Mother	Step-Mother
Address	Address
City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip
Home Phone	Home Phone
Work Phone	Work Phone
Cell Phone	Cell Phone
Email	Email Progress Report □ Yes □ No News Release □ Yes □ No
Progress Report □ Yes □ No News Release □ Yes □ No	Progress Report □ Yes □ No News Release □ Yes □ No
Who is your legal guardian?	Additional Legal Guardian
Address	Address
City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip
Home Phone	Home Phone
Work Phone	Work Phone
Cell Phone	Cell Phone
Email   □ Physical Custody □ Legal Custody	Email    Physical Custody   Legal Custody

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DATE APP RECEIVED	OPI DATE

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# **EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT / LEGAL REVIEW**

Do not leave any questions blank. Name	
Date You Quit School / Last Attended	
Have You Ever Been Expelled or Suspended From School?	
Please Explain:	
	ade Attempted Credits Earned #
Most Recent School Attended:	Previous School Attended:
Address	Addison
School Phone:	School Phone:
Most Recent Employment:	
Job Duties	
	Would You Like To Pursue Similar Work? ☐ Yes ☐ No
List Two Possible Careers For Your Future (1)	(2)
Have You Ever Been Charges for Anything Other Than A To Any Pending Legal Issues? ☐ Yes ☐ No Explain All Charges	raffic Ticket?   Yes   No
Have You Ever Been on Probation?	Ford Debox
Have You Ever Been on an Improvement Plan?	□ No End Date:
Name of Probation Officer	Dhana
Name of Propation Officer	Phone
The information provided in this application is complete,	accurate and truthful.

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# **MEDICAL HISTORY REVIEW (page 1 of 2)**

This review of the applicant's health history does NOT require a doctor's visit, well child appointment, or physical exam.

	IDENTIFYING INFORMATION					
Nan	Name: DOB: MCA Class #					
Address				Responsible Adu	lt:	
City	/State/Zip:		<del>_</del>		Insurance:	
			AMILY H	EALTH HISTORY		
PAF	RENTS, SIBLINGS, GRANDPARENTS HAVE/HAI	D:				
	HEART DISEASE		SEIZURES			MENTAL ILLNESS MENTAL RETARDATION
	HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE		TUBERCUI			SUICIDE
	ELEVATED CHOLESTEROL		ASTHMA	10010		EATING DISORDERS
	KIDNEY PROBLEM		THYROID I	PROBLEM		OBESITY
	DIABETES	П	EYE DISOF			DRUG / ALCOHOL ABUSE
	CANCER			E OF GLASSES		CIGARETTE / CIGAR USE
	BLOOD DISORDER		ALLERGIE			
			CHILD'S H	EALTH HISTORY		
HAS	S CHILD HAD:					
	MEASLES			PHYSICAL ABUSE / N	EGLECT	
	MUMPS			EYE OR VISION PROB	BLEMS	
	RUBELLA			ROTAVIRUS (SUDDEN S	EVERE DIARRHEA & VC	MITING)
	CHICKEN POX			URINARY TRACT INFE	ECTION	
	HEPATITIS			FREQUENT CONSTIP	ATION	
	MENINGITIS			FREQUENT DIARRHE	A	
	EXPOSURE TO TB			UPPER RESPIRATOR	Y INFECTION	
	HEART MURMUR			HIGH OR LOW BLOOD	D PRESSURE	
	RHEUMATIC FEVER			ARTHRITIS, RHEUMA	TISM BURSITIS	
	SEIZURE			GALL BLADDER TROU	JBLE OR STONES	
	ASTHMA			CHRONIC COUGH OF	RCOLDS	
	EAR INFECTION			SHORTNESS OF BRE	ATH	
	STREP THROAT			HIGH BLOOD LED LEV	VEL	
	CONJUNCTIVITIS			HEAD INJURY, FAINTING	S, MEMORY LOSS, CO	ONCUSSION(S)
	KIDNEY STONES			RUPTURE OR HERNIA	A	
	DIABETES			LOSS OF FINGERS O	R TOES	
	SKIN DISEASE			TUMOR, CYST, CANC	ER	
	SCARLET FEVER			THYROID TROUBLE		
	MENSES			PAIN (CIRCLE): FOOT	T ANKLE KNE	E
	STD			LEG HIP BACK	WRIST ELBOW	<u></u>
	CHILDREN OF OWN			SHOULDER NECK		
	OTHER		_			
		CHI	LD'S NUT	RITIONAL HISTOR	Y	
ALL	ERGIES TO MEDICATION (LIST)					
ALLERGIES TO FOOD (LIST)						
ALLERGIES TO ENVIRONMENT (LIST)						
SPE	SPECIAL DIET/NUTRITIONAL NEEDS					
HIS	HISTORY OF EATING DISORDERS (LIST)					

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# **MEDICAL HISTORY REVIEW (page 2 of 2)**

This review of the applicant's health history does NOT require a doctor's visit, well child appointment, or physical exam.

	CHILD'S PSYCHOSOCIAL HISTORY				
	CHILD HAD PROBLEM WITH:  MOTOR SKILLS  ACCIDENT PRONE  SLEEPING  NIGHTMARES  BEDWETTING (AFTER 6 YEARS)  SLEEPWALKING  VICTIM OF MENTAL ABUSE  VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE  HEARING  SUPPOSED TO USE HEARING AID  CURRENTLY USES HEARING DEVICE  VISION  SUPPOSED TO WEAR GLASSES  CURRENTLY USES GLASSES OR CONTACTS		FIRE SETTING DESTROYS PROPERTY TORTURES ANIMALS APPROPRIATE EXPRESSION OF ANGER GETTING ALONG WITH CHILDREN / PEERS GETTING ALONG WITH SIBLINGS GETTING ALONG WITH PARENTS / ADULTS SEXUAL ACTING OUT CONCENTRATION HYPERACTIVITY ISOLATION LEARNING SPEECH		
	CHILD'S CURRENT HEALTH ASSE	SSI	MENT		
DIAC	VATED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	RDEF	D, ODD, SLD, LD, BD, ETC):  R, ETC:		
HIST	ORY OF HOSPITALIZATIONS / PLACEMENTS (LIST ALL MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH,	BEH	AVIORAL):		
SUR	GERIES (LIST):				
HAS CUR	KEN BONES (LIST):  REGULAR DOCTOR: DR DATE ( RENT HEALTH COMPLAINT(S)  RENT MEDICATION(S):	OF LA	AST SCREEN:		
SIGI	NATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:		DATE:		

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# **CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF SCHOOL RECORDS**

# MCA WILL PROCESS THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE SCHOOL. APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THIS DOCUMENTATION.

AT LIGATION GARNOT BETT				
	County to assist the by providing a complete and confidential report containing all			
Previous standardized test scores – WVEIS Report 771 Grade transcript and credit history Permanent health record w/ immunizations Individual Education Plan and Psychological Evaluation wirecommendations if you received OR were tested for Spec Education services 504 Plan with Psychological Evaluation and recommendations	send items directly to the MCA. FAX: 304-329-2429			
SCHOOL STAFF: If this request cannot be completed at the local level, please identify the contact person where the request was forwarded.  Forwarded to:				
Phone:	Date:			
Most Recent School: School Address: City/State/Zip: School Phone: School FAX: Full Name of Applicant:	School Address:			
Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:			
Street Address:  City/State/Zip:				
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian / Date	Signature of Applicant / Date			
MAIL OR FAX TO:	FOR SCHOOL OFFICIALS ONLY			
Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy 1001 Army Road – Camp Dawson PO Box 586 Kingwood WV 26537	Date of Withdrawal OR Date Last Attended			
FAX Preferred: 304-329-2429	Name of School Official			

Title

Telephone #

Date

Fax#

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#### **Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy**

#### CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF LEGAL RECORDS

This form is required to do a background check on <u>all</u> Applicants. Even if you have never been involved with the court, documentation to verify that information is required. **Application cannot be processed without this original signed document.** 

I authorize the Juvenile Probation Office(s) in \_\_\_\_\_\_ County to assist the Academy in evaluating my child's eligibility by providing a complete and confidential report containing all applicable documents.

#### Current report status

- Final orders for previous legal involvements
- Informal or Formal Improvement Plan requirements
- Informal or Formal Probation requirements
- Copies of court ordered Psychological Evaluations

#### **APPLICANTS**

Obtain photocopies of the identified items and send them in as part of your application.

#### OR

Give a photocopy of this signed form to your Juvenile Probation Officer and have them send items directly to the MCA. FAX:304-329-2429

ORIGINAL FORM GOES TO MCA

Full Name of Applicant:	
Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:
Street Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian / Da	te Signature of Applicant / Date
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#### **MAIL OR FAX TO:**

Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy PO Box 586 Kingwood WV 26537

FAX Preferred: 304-329-2429

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☐ REPORT ATTACHED	☐ NO RECORD FOUND	
Name of Pro	bation Officer	
Title	Date	
Telephone #	Fax#	

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#### **Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy**

# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** (page 1 of 2)

CADET NAME:			

#### 1. TRUTHFUL DISCLOSURE

I do hereby swear or affirm that the information I provide on the application and forms required by the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy are accurate, complete and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I withhold pertinent information or provide false information regarding my child that not only can I jeopardize my child's safety and well-being but that my child may be disenrolled from the Program upon discovery of such information. I understand that I am required to notify the Academy if there are any changes to my child's application information, including but not limited to address, phone number, insurance information, custody/guardianship, physical/mental health, or legal status.

#### 2. PRIVACY ACT RELEASE

I understand that the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy operates under the authority of Public Law 102-484, Sec. 1091e(2). In order to evaluate my application for admission, to assess my progress during residential training and to assist with my post-residential placement goals, I authorize the Academy to collect and use the personal data necessary at the program, state and national level. I understand that these disclosures are voluntary; however, if I do not authorize this action, I will not be selected for enrollment in the Academy.

#### 3. RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I consent, under applicable State and Federal Laws, to the release of information concerning my participation in the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy. I understand that such information may be obtained from my initial application as well as any documentation generated by the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy and will be recorded electronically. This includes Personal Identifiable Information, training documentation for the 8 Core Components, academic training and testing, Post Residential Placement, Mentoring, and medical care. I understand this includes photographs, news releases and interviews with the Media. I consent to the release of my information as it pertains to my enrollment and training with the Academy.

#### 4. SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

I understand that the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is a quasi-military school. The Academy is voluntary and develops academic skills, self-discipline, honor and confidence. The Academy is a <a href="https://hands-off">hands-off</a> program, which uses verbal control to maintain structure and discipline. It is not a juvenile detention facility and does not "lock down" Cadets. The Academy does not treat issues that require therapeutic intervention, addiction care or criminal behavior modification.

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY

I understand the requirements for enrollment. This applicant does not have a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. This applicant is no longer attending WV public school <u>or</u> is academically atrisk.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian / Date	Signature of Applicant / Date

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# \* And \*

#### **Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy**

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CADET NAME:	

#### 6. EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CREDENTIALS

I may receive a high school diploma from my WV home high school by achieving all required criteria; successful completion of the high school equivalency assessment, WIN certification training and the NGYCP Career and Technical Education course work. I understand that receiving a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma is not guaranteed but based on my individual test performance. Progress in all of the program's 8 Core Components is required for successful completion. Educational credentials are not required for graduation from the Academy. The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is recognized as a Special Alternative Education Program and is an approved Option Pathway site for all of West Virginia. I understand that if the high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma is not achieved during the Residential Phase, I may return to the high school under the Option Pathway and /or with Credit Recovery in some counties to complete the diploma. Educational backgrounds other than WV public schools (home school, private school, cyber school, etc.) will be handled on an one-to-one basis inaccordance with state directives.

#### 7. SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING

I acknowledge that the Academy is a drug-free program. The Academy is free of alcohol, tobacco and other illegal substances or illegally used substances. I will be screened by qualified individuals for illegal substances as a condition of my enrollment, following leave, randomly, "For Cause", or "For Reasonable Suspicion". If I test positive at any time, I will be immediately terminated from the Academy. I consent to these tests.

#### 8. SECURITY SYSTEM USE

I understand that the Academy uses surveillance cameras in the buildings to facilitate the safety and security of the Cadets and Staff. The cameras are located in all areas: classrooms, gym, DFAC, hallways, living areas, and latrine. Cameras in the latrine areas are used in the case of an incident and are protected by a command lockout available only to the Director or Deputy Director. The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy has notified me of the use of security cameras.

#### 9. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Iunderstand that the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is free to the teenagers selected to participate. However, I could incur expenses during my enrollment. I am responsible for any expenses resulting from routine medical care, medications for pre-existing medical conditions, and/or stamps. I understand that I am responsible for the clothing items and training gear issued to me by the Academy even if I do not graduate. If these items are misplaced, lost, damaged, destroyed or stolen, I may be required to pay for them. I may be responsible for the replacement or repair of any property that is damaged or destroyed because of my behavior. I understand that the Academy is NOT liable or responsible for my personal property.

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian / Date

Signature of Applicant /Date

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### **MENTOR PROSPECTS**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	CADET NAME:

- I understand that Mentors are a requirement of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program and MCA.
- I understand that the best, strongest relationships are built with positive adults in the Cadet's life.
- I understand that more information will be provided to the Cadet and family during Orientation.
- I am identifying the following persons as possible/prospective Mentors and will discuss this opportunity with them. NOTE: MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE NAME.

NAME/ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	GENDER M/F	OVER 25 Y/N	RELATIONSHIP TO CADET NOT IMMEDIATE FAMILY	LIVE IN SAME HOUSEHOLD AS CADET Y/N	IN MILES- HOW FAR DO YOU LIVE FROM CADET
	HOME: WORK:					
	CELL:					
	HOME:					
	WORK:					
	CELL:					
	HOME:					
	WORK:					
	CELL:					

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian / Date

Signature of Applicant / Date

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## **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION / AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	CADET NAME:	

Prioritize who may be notified in case of emergency and/or who is authorized to transport

- 1. List ALL parents/legal guardians first
- 2. Provide 3 additional names and contact numbers

	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMERGENCY	TRANSPORT
1						□ Yes	□ Yes
2						□ Yes	□ Yes
3						□ Yes	□ Yes
4						□ Yes	□ Yes
5						□ Yes	□ Yes

acknowledge that the Academy will call down the list until one person has been notified.

- 2. I acknowledge that only authorized persons over the age of twenty-one (21) with a valid driver's license may transport Cadets.
- 3. I acknowledge that Cadets will not be released to anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian / Date
Signature of Parenth egal Guardian Libate

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