ELIGIBILITY

- Males and females
- 16 to 18 years old
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- No felony convictions
- Must be committed to improving their lives and having the “Courage to Change”!

After completing the program, graduates have the opportunity to continue high school studies or enter college, vocational training, the workforce, or the military.

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The Wyoming Cowboy ChalleNGe Academy educates, trains, and mentors non-traditional learners in a quasi-military environment at no cost to participants, giving young people the skills to become productive and responsible citizens.

The Wyoming Cowboy ChalleNGe Academy, or WCCA, is a five-and-a-half month long residential academy designed to provide structure, instill discipline and help young men and women recognize and achieve their potentials.

The academy is a state agency operated under the oversight of the Wyoming Military Department. The program is 75 percent federally funded and 25 percent funded by the State of Wyoming.

The academy is one of 40 programs nationwide, which are all part of the National Guard Bureau’s Youth ChalleNGe Program. The National Guard Bureau founded the Youth ChalleNGe Program in 1993 and has graduated more than 150,000 participants nationwide. The Wyoming Cowboy ChallenGe Academy opened its doors in January 2006 and has graduated more than 1,000 cadets.

The program encompasses two phases: The residential phase and the post-residential phase. The residential phase focuses on structure, leadership development, discipline and academics. The post-residential phase takes place after graduation, where cadets put their skills to the test with the help of a trained mentor nominated by the cadet.

The academy operates two classes per year: One begins in January, the other in July.

### BENEFITS

Cadets can ...
- Earn a HISEC (formerly GED) or high school credits to transfer back to school
- Learn job skills
- Learn life coping skills
- Develop leadership skills
- Participate in service to community activities
- Learn to become responsible citizens
- And much more! Visit our website for details

### APPLY

1. Fill out the pre-application at [www.wyocowboychallenge.org](http://www.wyocowboychallenge.org)
2. Call (307) 836-7500 to connect with your local recruiter to complete the application.
3. Attend an orientation. Visit our Facebook page for orientation locations, dates and times. Please call ahead to RSVP!
4. Get accepted and begin your journey!