



# Keystone State Challenge Academy

***A 100% TUITION-FREE Residential Leadership Experience***

## **Mission:**

To provide Pennsylvania teens who are struggling in high school a path to achieve the self-discipline, education, and skills necessary to succeed as productive, responsible citizens through an engaging, safe, and structured residential experience at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. (Lebanon County).

## **Challenge Model:**

A residential leadership academy focused on improving education, life skills, discipline, and employment potential.

Based upon the KSCA's eight core components:

- Academic Excellence
- Service to Community
- Physical Training
- Health and Hygiene
- Job Skills
- Leadership/Followership
- Citizenship
- Life Coping Skills

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Age 16-18 at session start
- Struggling in high school (academically or socially)
- A citizen or lawful permanent resident of the US
- Never been convicted of a felony offense
- Free (or willing to be free) from use of alcohol, tobacco, and other illicit substances
- Physically and mentally capable of participating fully with reasonable accommodations
- Voluntary (with parent/legal guardian approval)

## **For More Information Contact:**

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## **Academy Structure:**

### **Residential Phase (22 Weeks):**

Provides structure and discipline to students while focusing on education and life skills.

- 2 Week Acclimation Phase
- 20 Week Academic Phase

### **Post Residential Phase (12 Months)**

Sustain and build on the gains made during the residential phase and apply skills learned when back in their home environment. This is done with the assistance of an assigned mentor who will aid in the transition from a structured environment to self-management.

## **National Guard Youth Challenge:**

The KSCA is part of the larger National Guard Youth Challenge with 40 other programs in 30 states and territories that have graduated nearly 200,000 students since 1993 with no tuition cost to students (funded by state and federal appropriations).

