

MISSION:

To provide 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 in Annville, Pa. (Lebanon County).

VISION:

Be a Life Changing Opportunity for Every Cadet: Provide a fresh opportunity for high school students aged 16-18 to find renewed success outside of the traditional high school setting, to improve their academic standing and to increase their potential for future employment or further education

Be a Cadet-Focused Team: Build a professional, mutually supporting team unified in the collective goal of improving the lives of disconnected teens who seek direction, purpose and understanding



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100%
TUITION FREE

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Tuition free**, residential, coeducational
- Nearly 200,000 graduates nationwide since 1993
- Ability to recover high school credit or pursue GED studies (if eligible)
- Quasi-military environment
- Two classes per year starting in January and July
- 12-month post-residential mentoring phase
- Complete 40 hours of service to the community
- Learn life and job skills
- Acquire leadership skills and discipline
- Certified special education services available



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ Age 16-18 at session start
- ✓ Struggling in high school academically or socially
- ✓ A citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States
- ✓ Not under indictment for, or ever convicted of, a felony
- ✓ Free (or willing to be free) from use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products
- ✓ Physically and mentally capable of participating with reasonable accommodations
- ✓ Voluntary (with parent/legal guardian approval)

THE EXPERIENCE

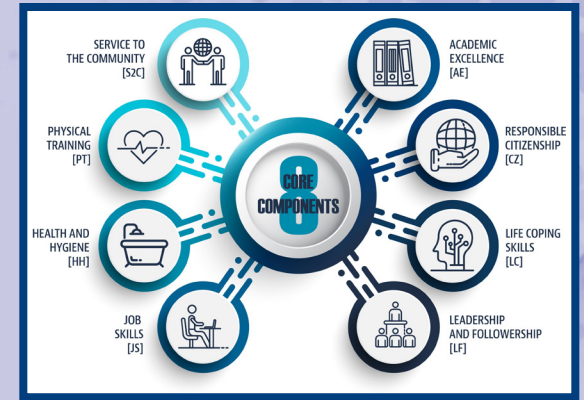


Residential Phase (22 Weeks)

- **Acclimation:** Two week period to evaluate candidate readiness for the physical, mental, academic and social discipline required to complete the program
- **Academic:** Twenty-week period focused on personal growth through adoption of the Eight Core Components. Academic success is a critical component in helping cadets either recover high school credits or study for and attempt the GED exam

Post-Residential Phase (12 Months)

- Continued support of cadets as they complete the Academy and return to their communities continuing to build upon the lessons learned during the Residential Phase with the support of mentors and staff



Our **TUITION-FREE** academy provides:

- A safe, structured learning environment
- Coaching in study skills, career readiness and life skills with trained staff
- Tools and self-discipline for future success
- Training to improve the physical and mental stamina of each cadet
- An individualized Post-Residential Action Plan as a path to future success
- Newly renovated campus
- Organized off-campus activities

