

## Who is eligible for Sunburst Youth Academy?

- 100% Volunteers
- Legal resident of the United States and of California (must be able to obtain a social security card and a California ID)
- 16-18 year olds (must be 16 the first day and cannot turn 19 before the start of the program)
- Students at-risk of dropping out of high school or credit deficient
- Drug free students
- Students free from any serious involvement with the law and no felonies
- Students physically and mentally capable of completing the program



## Application Process

- Attend an orientation
- Complete application
- Attend a one on one interview
- Bring your motivation to Roll Call

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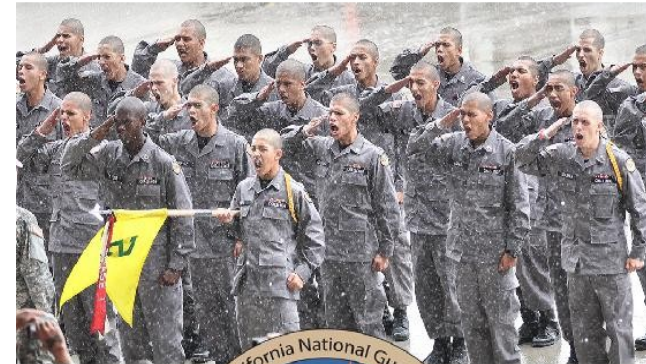
In February 2012, The RAND Corporation released results of a cost-benefit analysis of the Youth Challenge Academy Program. Key findings included:

- High School diploma or GED attainment increased by 29%
- College attendance increased by 86%
- Annual earnings increased by 20%
- Significant return on taxpayers' investment  
(\$2.66 return on each dollar spent)



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# Sunburst Youth Academy

## Mission Statement

The mission of the National Guard Youth ChallengeNGe Program is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of sixteen to eighteen-year-old high school dropouts; to produce program graduates with the values, life skills, education, and self discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.



## Program Structure

Sunburst Youth ChallengeNGe Academy is a 17 1/2 month long program

- 5 1/2 months Residential
- 1 year Post Residential
- No Military obligation
- Two cycles yearly (January/July)
- Free-equivalent to a \$22,000 scholarship
- Earn up to a year's worth of transferable HS credits
- Eligible students may earn a HS diploma or GED



## The Eight Core Components of Sunburst are:

- Leadership & Followership
- Service to Community
- Job Skills
- Academic Excellence
- Responsible Citizenship
- Life Coping Skills
- Health & Hygiene
- Physical Fitness

## Placement

After graduating Sunburst it is expected that you will be “placed.”

To be considered placed you must commit at least 30 hours per week in one of the following activities:

- School (high school or higher education)
- Work/volunteering
- Military
- Or a combination of two or more

**Start thinking about life after Sunburst; your Case Manager and Mentor will help you get there.**

## Mentors

One of the most important components in being successful at Sunburst is having a quality Mentor. **A Mentor should be:**

An older person or an adult friend who provides **encouragement, instruction, and support** to a younger person or younger friend by earning trust and modeling positive behaviors and characteristics.



## Requirements:

- Must be at least 25 yrs of age and the same sex
- Must live within a reasonable distance
- Must pass a background check
- Cannot be a relative or in the family dynamic
- Commit to the entire 17 1/2 months