



Alaska Military Youth Academy Overview



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Alaska Military Youth Academy



Mission:

Help meet the life coping skills and educational needs of 15.5 -18-year-old Alaskans who are at risk of not completing their secondary education, and to provide them with the values, skills, education and self-discipline to succeed as adults.

About AMYA:

- 29 ½ month residential and non-residential quasi-military educational program for young men and women who have not received a high school credential*
- Operates as a non-combatant entity under the National Guard with oversight by the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)(Reserve Integration) (OASD)(RA)
- Program is voluntary
- Tuition free
- Not a juvenile justice facility or treatment facility

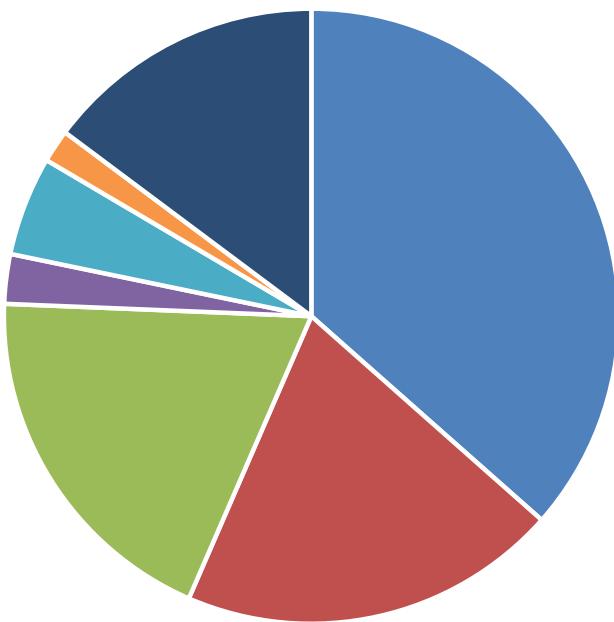
**Alaska is a New Mentor Pilot program test program (Group Based mentoring, Social Capital Building, two-year post-residential support and reporting)*



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Class 2024-1 (Jan – Jun 2024)



- White
- Multi-Racial
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native

30th Year of Operations

- 6,678 Graduates since 1994
- 2,677 GEDs since 2005
- 446 High School Diplomas since 2005
- 169,713.85 Hours Community Service

Classes in 23: **116 Cadets** Below 6th Grade Reading Level

- 30 achieved 6th Grade
- All improved at least 1-2 Grade Levels

FY25 Target: 250 Residential Graduates
+ 366 Post-Residential Case Load



Eight Core Components



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

- *Quasi-military not Military*
- *Whole Person Concept*
- *Provide opportunities for growth*
- *Extensive support for future success*
- *Post-residential plan*
- *Placement support*
- *Opportunities for scholarships*



Mandatory Minimum Staff/Cadet Ratios

- Case Managers is 1:40 ($125 \times 2.5 / 40$) – AMYA currently has three case manager positions and is requesting a fourth in the FY25 Governor's Budget to meet current requirements
- Classroom instructors is 1:30 ($125 / 30$) – AMYA currently has five classroom instructors
- Cadre Team Leaders is 1:25 ($125 \times 5.5 / 25$) – AMYA currently has 25 Cadre Team Leaders
- Counselors are one counselor for each platoon. AMYA has three Platoons (one female and two male platoons) and currently has two counselors. A request for a third counselor position is in the FY25 Governor's Budget to meet current requirements



Funding Model

- Federal Authority (Draft budget, State plan, and draft certification of matching funds due 30 March of each year for July 1 Start)
 - Fed Award includes Base Budget for approved expenses (75% Fed + 25% State Match)
 - 25% Matching Funds must come from State UGF (GFM + GF)
 - 25% Match is required for every use of federal funds (i.e. \$1.00 purchase requires \$.25 State UGF + \$.75 Fed)
- Spending outside of the approved expenses cannot use Federal or matching funds (Certain indirect costs, some personnel benefits, clothing above the Federal limits for Alaska's climate, etc.)
- Other sources of reimbursement include the National School Lunch Program (varies with class size and number of meals served)



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