



# Invest in Change

WASHINGTON YOUTH ACADEMY FOUNDATION

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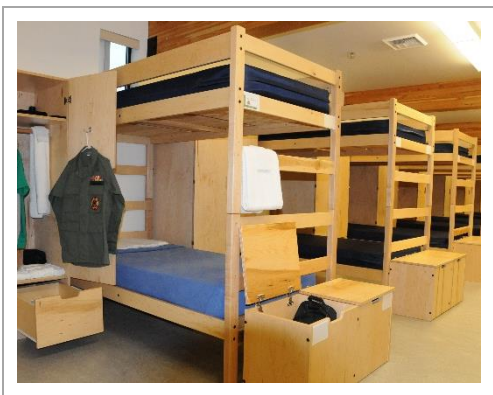
## Overview of Giving

### BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES



There is demand for Academy expansion and an additional dormitory would enable the Academy to open its doors to hundreds more each year! Current facilities are already over capacity. Addition of a storage facility would accommodate much needed supplies for student cadet uniforms and training.

### PROGRAM SUPPORT AND TRANSPORTATION



Original bunks and wall lockers have served over 1500 youth in the last five years. Dormitories and offices would serve the mission better if replaced with new and upgraded furniture. New supplies in support of program expansion would provide nearly 200 additional youth with this opportunity. Vehicles support outreach/admissions, healthcare appointments, and service to the community projects.

## SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS



The Academy's mentoring, health care, counseling, and other services would benefit from grants, funds, and partnerships. Enhancing social skills, and vocational/technical abilities for Cadets has exponential impact on Washington State families and communities.

## Impact

### A MATCH FOR YOUR VALUES

Corporate responsibility is perfectly matched with one of the ChalleNGe Program's Core Components – Responsible Citizenship.” The Washington Youth Academy Foundation would be honored to partner with those companies who value youth development, education, fitness, health and nutrition, career development, leadership, character development, and service to the community.

*“Find people who share your values, and you'll conquer the world together.”  
— John Ratzenberger*

### MAKE YOUR MARK

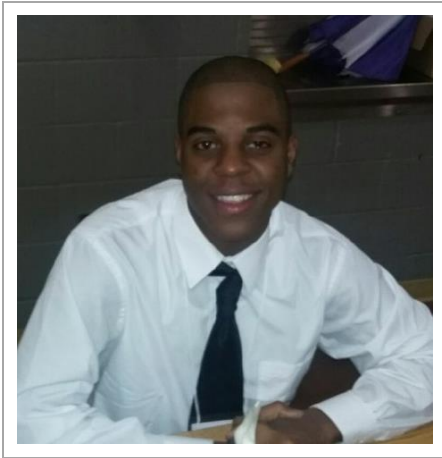
Your gift leaves an impression on the hundreds of young men and women who attend the Washington Youth Academy every year, and on the families and communities they positively impact. An investment in them is an investment in our nation's future. Imagine:

- The “Your Company Name Here” Dormitory,
- Your company's logo towering on the traffic-facing exterior wall of a new storage warehouse,
- Individual perimeter fitness stations, or an entire Leadership Reaction Course with your company's sponsorship.

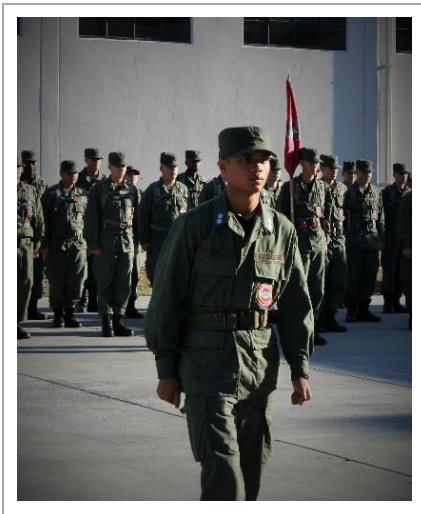
Picture an attractive vehicle driving through communities across Washington State, wrapped in a Washington Youth Academy promotional design with your company's logo as a contributor to this great mission.

Don't Forget the Mission

**Join the team! Make a difference!**



Our Foundation goals are simple. We exist to support the student cadets while they attend the residential portion of the Academy and provide summer school, Washington Business Week and post-graduate financial support for continuing education, vocational school, trade school or job training.



*Respect, Honor, Duty, Loyalty!*

The mission of the Washington Youth Academy is to provide a highly disciplined, safe, and professional learning environment that empowers at-risk youth to improve their educational levels and employment potential and become responsible and productive citizens of the State of Washington. The vision of the Washington Youth Academy is to provide at-risk youth a quality education, positive values, and life and job skills training that will change their lives and give them hope and opportunity for a new future.

# Buildings and Facilities

## NEW DORMITORY - \$5 MILLION (ESTIMATE) – BUILD CAPACITY



A feasibility study estimates the cost of an additional dormitory, including offices, laundry facilities, and an additional classroom serving 70 more students will change a young persons' life.

## CLASSROOM BUILDINGS - \$2 MILLION (ESTIMATE) – QUALITY EDUCATION



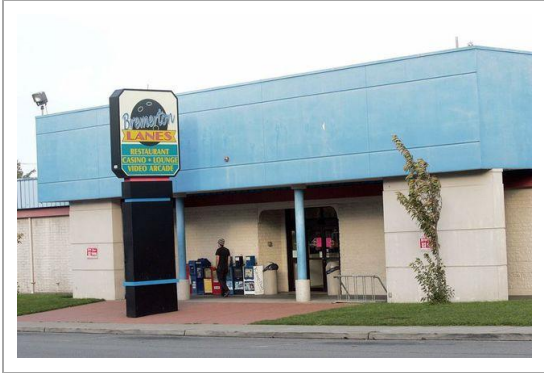
Each 50-youth group (platoon) would be empowered to conduct more in-depth and unit specific teambuilding and leadership education if an additional classroom or building of classrooms were built to provide specific classroom for each of the three or four platoons.

## STORAGE WAREHOUSE – FUNDED THANK YOU!



Current support facilities are already over capacity and a new storage facility would accommodate much needed supplies for student uniforms and training equipment.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT HALL - \$1.5 MILLION (ESTIMATE) – SKILL TRAINING



Student cadets participate in the Junior Achievement program, educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs! A local building, constructed to support this job skills curriculum is needed.

SHOWER FACILITIES UPGRADE - \$1 MILLION (ESTIMATE) – QUALITY OF LIFE



Personal hygiene is an important aspect of the core curriculum of the Academy. The current shower facilities were not designed to support the growing need for the program services. An upgrade to the shower facilities will improve student classroom time.

STAIRWELL AWNINGS & TREAD REFIT – FUNDED THANK YOU!



This upgrade is a necessary safety issue. The awning will keep stairs dry during inclement weather. Adding all-weather stair treads will reduce slip-and-fall problems during inclement weather.

DORMITORY AIR CONDITIONING - \$250,000 (ESTIMATE) – QUALITY OF LIFE



In 2009, a new dormitory was built with the typical Pacific Northwest weather in mind. Typical housing can do without A/C, but dorms with 50 to 60 youth housed in them have reached in the 90's – not a comfortable environment for training, rest and safety.

PERIMETER FITNESS STATIONS - \$75,000 (ESTIMATE) – PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Multi-use elements for installation throughout the campus between Leadership Reaction elements. Can be utilized for both physical training as part of the normal curriculum as well as team building. Examples: Sit up Bench, Pull Up Bars, Log Hop, Wobble Board, Plyometric Boxes, etc.

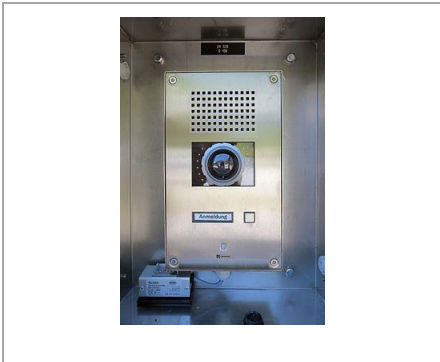
LEADERSHIP REACTION COURSE - \$350,000 (ESTIMATE) – LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Classified as “low ropes” course elements, each focuses on strengthening five skills: leadership, followership, teamwork, communication, and problem solving. Elements would be located throughout the WYA grounds to correlate with fitness and training activities. Sixteen elements are recommended for installation. Examples: Out like Flint, Cliffhanger, etc.



DOOR CAMERA/INTERCOM SYSTEM - \$100,000 (ESTIMATE) – SAFETY/SECURITY



Facility security is a paramount safety concern. Each facility should have a camera/intercom installed for monitoring

SECURITY LIGHTING IN ALL AREAS - \$500,000 (ESTIMATE) – SAFETY/SECURITY



Security lighting and web-enabled cameras are needed in the areas around campus. Campus security and safety is a concern and should be addressed.

EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR - \$300,000 (ESTIMATE) - SAFETY



The campus is in a relatively rural environment which is subject to power outages. An emergency generator is needed to avoid student down time and missed classroom training.

RAPELL TOWER - \$250,000 (ESTIMATE) – LEADERSHIP TRAINING



There is power in overcoming fear and “pushing the envelope” for these youth. Academy staff includes many certified rappel trainers and conducts “confidence” training whenever the opportunities presents itself. A tower on campus would enhance this character building curriculum tremendously.

# Program Support and Transportation

## MARITIME-STYLE THREE-TIER BUNKS - \$250,000 (ESTIMATE) - BUILD CAPACITY



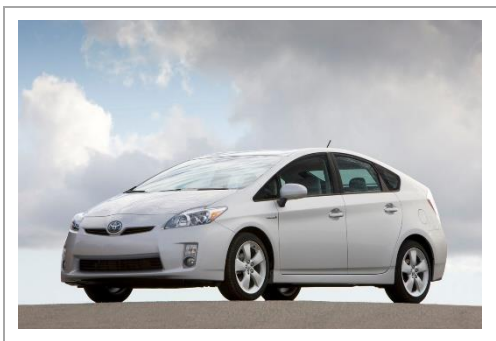
Original bunks and wall lockers have served over 1500 youth in the last five years. Three-tier bunks would increase capacity and would provide nearly 200 additional youth with this opportunity.

## BROADCAST ROOM (TV STUDIO) - \$500,000 (ESTIMATE) - STEM CAPACITY



Vocational education is an important aspect of the curriculum for the students. Learning skills that translate into employment after graduation is an important way to meet these demands. Television and broadcast technicians are in high demand. Improves STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum.

## COMPACT OUTREACH & TRANSPORT VEHICLE - \$40,000 (ESTIMATE) - BUILD CAPACITY



The staff outreach team must travel throughout the State of Washington to visit schools and students inquiring about the Academy. A fuel efficient compact vehicle will serve this purpose as well as providing other transportation requirements.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE - \$55,000 (ESTIMATE) – COMMUNITY SERVICE



Service to community projects are supported by the full-time cadre. They must transport tools and equipment to the community service projects. There is currently no support vehicle able to serve this need. Students contribute over 2,000 hours of community service per year valued at over \$250,000.

45-PASSENGER BUS - \$250,000 (ESTIMATE) – SAFETY AND CONTROL



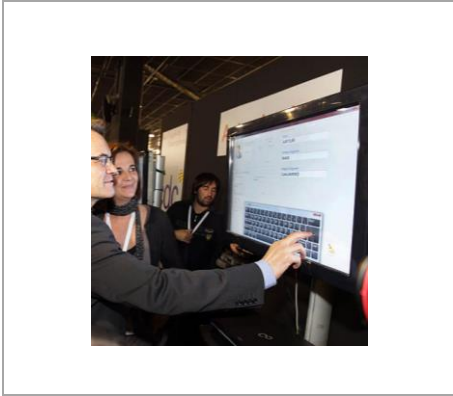
Transportation of student groups is an ongoing requirement for appointments, service to community projects and other events. The staff must try and contract for those services currently which is inefficient and cost prohibitive.

15-PASSENGER VAN - \$70,000 (ESTIMATE) – SAFETY AND CONTROL



Transportation of student groups is an ongoing requirement for appointments, service to community projects and other events. The staff must try and contract for those services currently which is inefficient and cost prohibitive. The smaller van/bus can accommodate many smaller outings.

TOUCH SCREEN TELEVISIONS - \$48,000 – IMPROVE TEACHING CAPABILITY



Touch-screen television monitors would enhance the learning environment for the teachers and the students. One for each classroom is needed to meet the demands of the current curriculum.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM KITS - \$4,500 ANNUALLY – COMMUNITY SERVICE



Every student is trained in Community Emergency Response Team skills. When a student returns to their community and enrolls as an emergency team member they will receive a pack with all the basic needs to respond in their community. Another way to give back to the community.

DIGITAL READING LIBRARY & EQUIPMENT - \$25,000 (ESTIMATE) – IMPROVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE



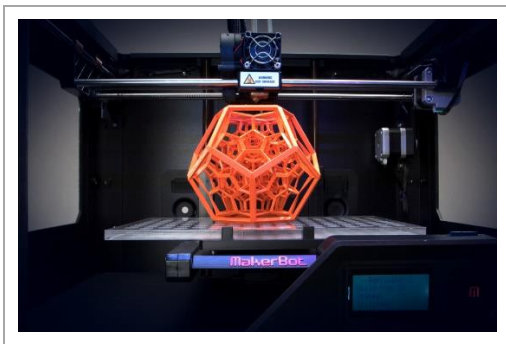
Evidence points to reading as the fundamental stumbling block for student achievement. The Academy is helping former high-school drop-outs succeed. A library is a fundamental need to improve student success. A digital library with e-readers is the best way to achieve results. There may be an ongoing annual subscription need of \$1,500 per year.

UNIFORM UPGRADE - \$75,000 ONE-TIME \$15,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – QUALITY OF LIFE



While attending the Washington Youth Academy all the students wear a uniform. The uniform when attending public events is often not appropriate. A public uniform including polo shirt, khaki pants, jacket and appropriate casual shoes would enhance student interaction with public. These uniforms would need a 5-year replacement cycle.

SCIENCE PROGRAM REPLACEMENTS AND UPGRADES - \$10,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – STEM CAPACITY



The science program is one of the premier programs and always has the greatest student involvement. Past grants purchased robotics equipment and a 3-D printer. Keeping up with the technology is critical requiring parts and supplies as well as new science equipment and supplies. Improves STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum.

MOBILE APPLICATION AND GAMING PRODUCTION - \$300,000 ONE-TIME \$3,000 ANNUALLY  
(ESTIMATE) – STEM CAPACITY



Vocational education is an important aspect of the curriculum for the students. Learning skills that translate into employment after graduation is an important way to meet these demands. Mobile application and gaming production is in high demand. Purchase requires hardware, software and testing platforms. Improves STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum.

## Services and Partnerships

SPANISH TRANSLATION SERVICES - \$25,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – IMPROVED LEARNING



The Hispanic population of the Academy has grown to nearly 30% of the students per year and may exceed 50% within the next two years. Although the students must be proficient in English often their parents and family have limited English proficiency requiring translator services.

DRUG/ALCOHOL PREVENTION COUNSELING CONTRACT - \$45,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – IMPROVE LIFE SKILLS



The students self-report when entering the Academy about drug and alcohol use. Often this abuse has contributed to their poor performance in school. Although they must stay drug/alcohol free while in residence, a specific prevention program may help them avoid future involvement.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CONTRACT - \$50,000 ANNUALLY – IMPROVE LIFE SKILLS



Often a student struggling with high school has some underlying mental health issues. Having counselling services available for evaluating and meeting these needs is essential to help these young men and women make the right choices in life.

## Educational and Job Training Financial Assistance

The Washington Youth Academy Foundation provides educational and job training financial assistance to graduates of the Washington Youth Academy. The students who attend, former



high school drop-outs, learn the skills needed to be successful. Over 70% of the students attending come from what is considered low income families. These students need assistance to keep meeting their educational or job training goals. The Foundation is seeking financial sponsorship to help meet the increasing demand. We now have over 1,500 graduates of the Academy and this grows by at least 300 per year.

#### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS - \$15,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – ACHIEVE DREAMS



Community College and 4-year Universities are often unattainable for the graduates of the Academy without financial assistance. The Foundation goal is to provide some financial assistance to help them reach their full potential.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS - \$10,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – GRADUATE ON TIME



The Academy allows students to recover up to eight high school credits. However, some students still need additional classes to catch up to their high school peer group and graduate on-time. Summer school helps them catch up. The cost of summer school is often unattainable for the students without help.

#### VOCATIONAL AND TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS - \$20,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – ACHIEVE DREAMS



College is not always a path for some students. Vocational and trade school is a viable option for many wishing to enter the job market with skills needed for today's job market. This segment is a growing demand for graduates of the Academy.

JOB SKILLS TRAINING - \$10,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – ACHIEVE DREAMS



Job skills training is an ongoing request to assist with special clothing for certain jobs, specialized one-time training needed to get and keep a job. The Foundation seeks to meet all goals of the student graduates.

PAID INTERNSHIPS - \$20,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) – ACHIEVE DREAMS



Internships are often the door to a career. Most employers who have interns hire them to fill a full-time position over 60% of the time. Our student graduates have what it takes if only given the chance to show their drive and discipline. Foundation support helps bridge the financial gap.

ACHIEVE DREAMS

PAID APPRENTICESHIPS - \$20,000 ANNUALLY (ESTIMATE) –



The construction, electrical, plumbing and other trades use apprentices to bring young men and women into the skilled labor pool. Our student graduates often seek apprentice programs but many are unpaid. It is the goal of the Foundation to provide assistance to both the student and the potential employer.

## Who We Are

The Washington Youth Academy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation registered in the State of Washington, EIN 26-2771686 and was established to support the students and programs of the Washington Youth Academy. The Foundation was established in May 2008 and was active before the first Academy class in January 2009. The all-volunteer board of directors are dedicated to meeting the needs of each and every student while in the program and after graduation.

- The Washington Youth Academy is part of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe program and is a state-run residential and post-residential academic intervention for sixteen to eighteen-year-old youth who have dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out.
- \$1 Spent on ChalleNGe returns \$2.66 in benefits to society. Where else can you find a 166% return on investment?

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