

**Cadet Survey  
National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program**

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This survey does not collect or use any personally identifiable information.

Your participation in this survey will not be used to create individual profiles or given to any private organization. All survey responses are anonymous and will be securely transferred for analysis to the researchers associated with this project. Upon completion of this project, all data will be purged in accordance with Department of Defense data destruction procedures.

**Thank you very much for helping us with our study. Be honest—there are no right or wrong answers!**

**1.) For the statements below, please select one response to indicate how well each statement describes you.**

	Very much like me	Mostly like me	Somewhat like me	Not much like me	Not like me at all
New ideas and projects sometimes distract me from previous ones.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Setbacks don't discourage me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have been obsessed with a certain idea or project for a short time but later lost interest.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am a hard worker.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often set one goal but later choose to pursue a different goal.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have difficulty maintaining focus on projects that take longer than a couple of months to complete.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I finish whatever I begin.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am diligent; I keep working at things even when they are difficult.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Living for the moment is more important than planning for the future.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I spend more time thinking about today than about the future.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a good sense of what my long-term priorities are in life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am sure to complete ChalleNGe.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am sure to attend college.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.) For each of the following questions, please choose the one answer that best describes how you feel:

- a.)  Many of the unhappy things in people's lives are partly due to bad luck, **or**  
 People's misfortunes result from the mistakes they make
- b.)  One of the major reasons why we have wars is because people don't take enough interest in politics, **or**  
 There will always be wars, no matter how hard people try to prevent them.
- c.)  In the long run, people get the respect they deserve in this world, **or**  
 Unfortunately, an individual's worth often passes unrecognized no matter how hard he tries.
- d.)  The idea that teachers are unfair to students is nonsense, **or**  
 Most students don't realize the extent to which their grades are influenced by accidental happenings.
- e.)  Without the right breaks, one cannot be an effective leader, **or**  
 Capable people who fail to become leaders have not taken advantage of their opportunities.
- f.)  No matter how hard you try, some people just don't like you, **or**  
 People who can't get others to like them don't understand how to get along with others.
- g.)  I have often found that what is going to happen will happen, **or**  
 Trusting to fate has never turned out as well for me as making a decision to take a definite course of action.
- h.)  In the case of the well prepared student, there is rarely, if ever, such a thing as an unfair test, **or**  
 Many times exam questions tend to be so unrelated to course work that studying is really useless.
- i.)  Becoming a success is a matter of hard work; luck has little or nothing to do with it, **or**  
 Getting a good job depends mainly on being in the right place at the right time.
- j.)  The average citizen can have an influence in government decisions, **or**  
 This world is run by a few people in power, and there is not much the little guy can do.
- k.)  When I make plans, I am almost certain that I can make them work, **or**  
 It is not always wise to plan too far ahead because many things turn out to be a matter of luck anyway.
- l.)  In my case, getting what I want has little or nothing to do with luck, **or**  
 Many times we might just as well decide what to do by flipping a coin.  
 What happens to me is my own doing, **or**
- m.)  Sometimes I feel that I don't have enough control over the direction my life is Taking.

**3.) Suppose you have agreed to do a job today; the job will take about 5 hours. You can choose when and how much you got paid for doing the job.**

You could either get paid \$50.00 right after you finished the job, or you could wait 6 months and get paid \$100.00. You are absolutely certain to be paid.  
Which would you choose?

- \$50.00 today, **or**
- \$100.00 in 6 months.

**4.) People leave high school for many reasons. Why did you leave the high school you attended before coming to ChalleNGe?**

**Please mark all that apply; in addition, please CIRCLE the biggest reason that caused you to leave your previous high school.**

**Reasons:**

- I was bored, I wasn't learning anything useful.
- I got married or became a parent.
- I was getting bad grades.
- I didn't get along with the other students.
- I didn't get along with the teachers, counselors, or the principal.
- I did not feel safe in school.
- The rules at school were too strict.
- I struggled to complete my work.
- I wasn't going to graduate on time; I didn't have enough credits.
- I was expelled or suspended.
- My family needed money or needed me at home.
- I wanted to work full time.
- Problems or conflicts at home.
- I didn't think it was going to matter if I finished school.
- I just didn't like school, didn't want to attend.
- Other, please explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**5.) Are you male or female?**

- Male**
- Female**

**6.) How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Thank you very much for your help!**