

## Cadet Script

Hi, my name is [redacted]. I work for an organization called CNA which does research on a wide range of topics for the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies. One of the areas in which we conduct research is education. CNA has been asked by the Department of Defense to do some research on the ChalleNGe program. Specifically, they have asked us to look at what kind of an impact the ChalleNGe program has on cadets' noncognitive skills--or those skills that are not academic in nature. Examples of noncognitive skills would be motivation and someone's ability to stick with something.

In order to conduct this study, we are going to be collecting data from cadets at several ChalleNGe programs using a survey. All cadets will be asked to complete the survey at the beginning of their time at ChalleNGe. Those cadets who complete the first survey and who also graduate from ChalleNGe will be asked to complete the same survey at the end of their participation in ChalleNGe.

It should take approximately 10 minutes for you to answer all of the questions. Bear in mind there are no right or wrong answers; just choose the answer that best fits.

I understand that each of you has agreed to participate, and for those of you under age 18, your parent or guardian is allowing you to participate. I want to remind you that your participation is completely voluntary. If you choose not to participate, it won't have any impact on your position as a cadet here at ChalleNGe. You may also choose to skip any questions you don't feel comfortable answering. Your answers will be kept confidential. Does anyone have any questions before I pass out the surveys and pencils?

Each of you should have a [insert color] piece of paper with a number on it. Before you complete the survey, I would like you to first write your name in the blank provided on the paper. Then, I need you to write the number you were given on the top of your survey in the right hand corner in the space provided. We will be using this number to link the surveys taken at the beginning and at the end of the program. At no time will your name be associated with any of the answers you give.

When you are done completing the survey, please place it in the envelope marked "surveys" [name location of where envelope has been set, for example: on the table at the front of the room]. In addition, please place the sheet of paper with your name and survey identifier number written on it in the envelope marked "tickets." We will be shredding these papers when the all the surveys are completed. Thanks so much for helping us with this important project.