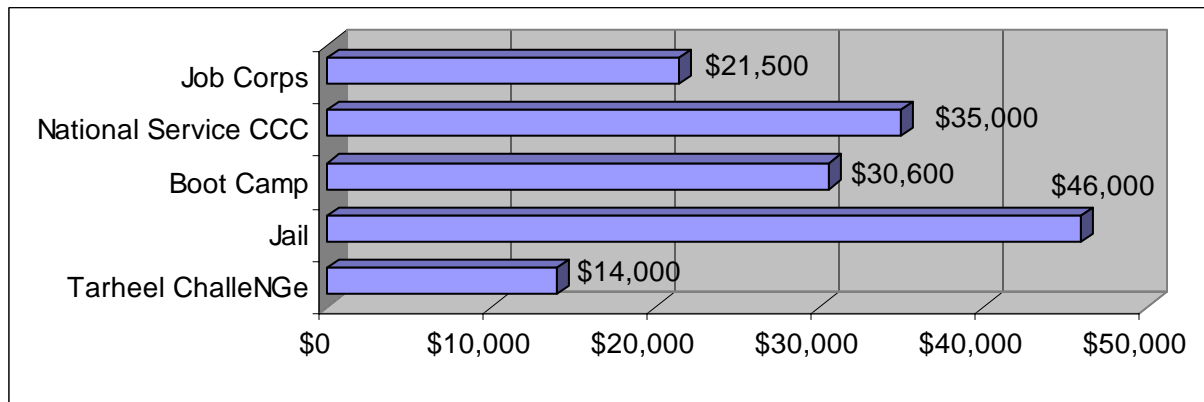


HISTORY

After 10 years of outstanding service to the “at risk youth” of North Carolina, the Academy continues to add a strong & viable option to the 21,000 North Carolina high school dropouts annually. As a National Guard sponsored program funded by Federal (\$1.68M) & State (\$1.12M) dollars, this 22 week resident program is provided at no cost to the student. After graduation there is a 12 month mentor centered follow up.

COMPARISON



VALUE

- \$19,857,519 in Federal Funding to North Carolina
- 1,849 graduates from 83 of 100 counties
- 1,259 General Education Diplomas awarded
- 260 Enlistments into Armed Services (includes NC National Guard)
- 149,825 hours of Community Service to the State of North Carolina
- 2,595 Voluntary Mentors

BENEFITS

- Motivated youth – 94% are employed, enlisted or in school
- Drug, Alcohol, and Smoke free environment
- Physically fit through the President’s Physical Fitness Award criteria
- Volunteerism (Cadets and Mentors)

- Life coping skills (Each Cadet designs a written life plan)
- North Carolina Civil Air Patrol Unit #163 supporting Homeland Defense
- Venture Scout Program membership opportunity
- North Carolina Community College student pool after graduation
- Economic stimulus to rural Southeastern North Carolina (55 employees)
- Positive Community relations (City, County, Local Churches)

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