

Teen Challenge of WNY

Application & Intake Information



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General Information:

- ❖ Teen Challenge of WNY is a division of Teen Challenge Training Center.
- ❖ It is a Christian residential **1 year** program for men ages 18+ with life controlling problems such as drugs, alcohol and crime. Four months are spent in Buffalo, NY and 8 months in Rehrersburg, PA.
- ❖ Activities include: prayer, Biblical classroom instruction, church, work therapy program and recreation.
- ❖ We have been in operation in Buffalo for over 30 years and Teen Challenge as a whole has been around for 50 years.
- ❖ Teen Challenge is national and international.

Cost of Program:

- ❖ There is a **\$750 non-refundable** Intake fee that covers the **12 months** they are in the program. This is due upon acceptance into the program.
- ❖ Upon transferring to Phase II we ask for a \$50 Transportation fee.
- ❖ We do NOT accept insurance.
- ❖ It costs Teen Challenge approximately \$45 per day per student. We rely on donations from individuals, corporations and churches to help with the daily operating costs for the center.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ❖ Must be a male 18+ years.
- ❖ All pending legal matters must be resolved before entering in our program. However, a student can be court mandated to be here.
- ❖ Anyone that has been diagnosed with bipolar and is on psychiatric medications is not eligible.
- ❖ All medical and dental problems need to be addressed before entering the program.
- ❖ We can not accept any **Registered Sex Offenders**.
- ❖ You must comply with the Application Process that is outlined under enrollment.

Court Issues:

Ideally all court cases need to be resolved before coming in the program. We do understand that they may not be. If this is the case we will need a letter from your attorney, probation officer, or the judge stating that you are allowed to be here. In some cases you may be court mandated to participate in our program. Understand that if you choose to leave we are required by law to report it and the consequence may be a jail sentence. We will provide any letters for the courts that is needed to help you get into the program.

Items you will need to bring:

Clothing Items: please bring the maximum of the following:

- ❖ **Pants:** 5 pr jeans, 5 pr Dress Slacks, 5 pr Shorts/sweatpants.
- ❖ **Shirts:** 10 t-shirts (white, colored or screened- no secular T's); 5 Casual Shirts (sweatshirts, polo etc.) 5 Dress Shirts, 5 Neckties
- ❖ **Coats:** 3 Casual Coats (seasonal - Winter/ Spring/ Denim etc.); 5 Dress Coats (suit jackets, etc.)
- ❖ **Shoes:** 2 pr. Sneakers/ Loafers/ Deck shoes, etc.; 2 pr. Dress Shoes; 1 pr. Work Boots
- ❖ **Underclothing:** 10 pr. Underwear; 10 pr. Socks; 2 pr. Gym Shorts
- ❖ **Extras:** 1 Bath robe; 1 pr Pajamas; 1 pr Shower Shoes/ slippers

Personal Items:

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| ❖ Deodorant | ❖ Soap | ❖ Bible & Notebook |
| ❖ Shaving Cream | ❖ Hair brush & comb | ❖ Envelopes & Stamps |
| ❖ Razors | ❖ 4 Towels | ❖ Pens |
| ❖ Shampoo | ❖ 3 washcloths | ❖ Paper |
| ❖ Toothbrush | ❖ Pillow, sheets | |
| ❖ Toothpaste | ❖ Blanket or Comforter | |

Please note all items will be inspected and inventoried upon entry.

Items NOT allowed:

- ❖ No TV's, radios, walkmans, musical instruments, CD's, MP3 players, iPod's, cell phones,
- ❖ Magazines or books other than your Bible.
- ❖ No beards. Earrings, necklaces and other body piercings must be removed.

Commonly Asked Questions:

Is Teen Challenge of WNY just for Teens?

No, our program is for males ages 18 and up. Teen Challenge does have adolescent program in various regions. You can locate those centers by visiting our website: www.teenchallengeusa.com

Why is Teen Challenge effective?

Some might say that it is the length of the program (12-18 months) along with the religious environment that helps people kick the habits formed over the years. We believe it is because of something we call the "Jesus Factor". When a person finds a personal relationship with God everything changes. Old attitudes, reactions and lifestyle are changed and the person becomes a "new creation in Christ."

Is Teen Challenge open to people of all faiths?

Teen Challenge is based foundationally on a literal interpretation of the Bible. It is our belief that applying the principles of Scripture to a person's life will enrich their life and provide them with a path of personal relationship with God. Certainly people of other faiths may enter the program but, as they are informed of the nature of the program, they voluntarily choose to participate. It is not required that students have a conversion experience to enter or complete the program.

What about Church attendance?

You will have 1 ½ hours of chapel daily. On occasion, we visit local community churches to attend their worship service. We also attend and will have a Choir Service for a church. This is when our men sing and give testimonies to the church we are attending.

May I have visitors while I am enrolled in Teen Challenge?

Yes, in Phase I you may be eligible to receive a visit after the initial 90 days. Phase II offers many additional visits as well.

May I make phone calls while I am enrolled in Teen Challenge?

Yes, after 2 weeks in the program you may make one 15 minute call a week. In Phase II you will receive more phone privileges than in the Induction Center. Mail correspondence is allowed from day one.

Will I be accepted if I am on Parole or Probation?

Yes, but you must first assure us that your parole or probation officer knows that you have applied and we will need written permission from them to allow you in.

Will I be able to work?

No, however you will be required to participate in our Work Therapy Program that allows the center to raise operating funds. NO personal payments will be made to you for your participation in the work program.

Do I have to participate in the religious aspects of the program to receive services?

An applicant is carefully informed as to the faith-based nature of the program and that entering a Teen Challenge program is voluntary (unless court mandated), however, all aspects of the program are mandatory upon entrance. Participation in daily chapel and prayer times is not an option.

Am I allowed to smoke cigarettes?

We do not allow any smoking because of the addiction to nicotine. If we suspect that someone has smoked we will perform a smoking test that will show us if you have. If caught, you will have consequences for breaking the rules and possible dismissal from the program. We do not allow patches, gum, or pills to help with quitting.