



# WASHINGTON YOUTH ACADEMY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

<p align="center"><b>COMMENDATION RIBBON</b></p> <p>Given by Director or Deputy Director based upon meritorious achievement, significant improvement, and/or other exemplary performance</p>	
<p align="center"><b>CADET ACHIEVEMENT</b></p> <p>Awarded for an outstanding achievement or exemplary service to the Academy but doesn't quite deserve a Commendation Award.</p>	
<p align="center"><b>ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p>Cadet has earned an 85% average in all academic classes</p>	
<p align="center"><b>ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT</b></p> <p>Cadet has earned an 85% average in a particular class Star devices are awarded for multiple classes</p>	
<p align="center"><b>BEARING</b></p> <p>The Bearing award is voted on by a Cadet's peers and Awarded to those cadets who display consistent bearing and discipline throughout the entire cycle.</p>	
<p align="center"><b>SERVICE TO COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>Given to a cadet who has earned 80 hours or more of service hours during the residential phase</p>	 <p align="center">White WH</p>
<p align="center"><b>PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING AWARD</b></p> <p>Awarded to a Cadet who scores in the Healthy Fitness Zone in all 5 test categories of the Presidential Fitness Assessment FITNESSGRAM scoresheet.</p>	
<p align="center"><b>LEADERSHIP AWARD</b></p> <p>Awarded to cadets in a leadership position or have successfully served in a cadet leadership position Star devices are awarded for each additional leadership position</p>	
<p align="center"><b>DRILL TEAM</b></p> <p>Cadet who is a member of the WYA drill team</p>	



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAEKWONDO</b></p> <p>Cadets earn this ribbon if they successfully meet all the requirements to become a member of the Taekwondo small unit.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RPM- RECRUITING PLACEMENT MENTORSHIP</b></p> <p>Cadet who has submitted proof of placement for the post residential phase</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RPM- HONORARY RECRUITER RIBBON</b></p> <p>Cadet has successfully recruited a candidate for a future class Star devices represent the number of candidates recruited</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WYA NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER RIBBON</b></p> <p>Submitting an application to be a Nat. Ant. Singer -Being Chosen to sing -Singing the Nat.Ant. at a public place while representing the WYA</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WYA SERVICE RIBBON</b></p> <p>Awarded for successful completion of The Acclimation Phase</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STAR DEVICE</b></p> <p>Placed on a ribbon used to show multiple earnings of ribbon. Up to 4 stars</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOLD TORCH</b></p> <p>Placed on the Physical Fitness Ribbon awarded for cadets who achieve Presidential Physical Fitness Award (16 &amp; 17 years old) or NGYCP Physical Fitness Expert Award (18 &amp; 19 years old)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DRILL TEAM</b></p> <p>Device is placed on the Drill Team ribbon</p>	
<p><b>SAPPER INSIGNIA</b> - Sapper tutors who are certified to tutor and receive more than 20 hours of service will wear the Golden Wreath above their right breast pocket. If they receive more than 30 hours of service they will have a red back felt. More than 40 hours will wear a grey back felt. More than 50 hours will receive the gold back felt.</p> <p>The Stars will be given based on how many students the Tutor has single handily help receive academic excellence or great academic improvement. Each case will be discussed by the Sapper Cadre Staff to decide whether they will be approved or not. The Blue star represents 2 students. The gold star represents 5 students. The white star represents 10 students.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"> <span>#775</span>      <span>#776</span> <span>#777</span> <span>#779</span>  <span>#778RED</span>      <span>#778GRAY</span>      <span>#778GOLD</span> </p>



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## AIGUILLETTE

An **aiguillette** is an ornamental braided cord most often worn on uniforms, but may also be observed on other costumes such as academic dress, where it will denote an honor.

At the WYA the aiguillette is worn to represent the following:

### WORN BY HONOR GUARD LEADER



PLATOON



RANGER  
LEADER

## SAPPER LEADER



## PERFORMING ARTS LEADER



## BERETS

Military forces have worn distinctive uniform items for centuries to create a psychological advantage and boost their esprit de corps, but the military use of berets is a relatively recent phenomenon.

**The WYA Drill Team beret is earned**

**The WYA Ranger Platoon Beret is earned by a rigorous physical and mental selection process.**



DRILL TEAM BERET



RANGER PLT BERET