



CAMPER APPLICATION 2012, JULY 15-20

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ ___F; ___M

Full address: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Current School: _____ *Grade (Fall '12): _____

Please Provide a Reference (*NOT* a family member): _____

Reference's Contact phone number and email: _____

What is this person's relationship to you? _____

How did you hear about Phoenix Firecamp? _____

What is it about Fire and Emergency Services that interests you? _____

Are you involved in any volunteer activities? If yes, please list: _____

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What sports, hobbies, or other activities are you involved in? _____

Are you currently involved with a fire explorer post (if yes, where?): _____

Firefighting/EMS experience is not required in order to participate in Phoenix Firecamp and we encourage applicants regardless of experience level. However, if you do have any previous experience or training, please explain in detail:

Have you ever had any health problems such as asthma, diabetes, heart trouble, seizure disorder, bleeding disorder, fainting spells, or any other health condition that may restrict your ability to participate in Phoenix Firecamp? If yes, please explain (be specific):

Have you previously attended an overnight/sleep-away camp? YES NO

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Please write a minimum of **500 word essay** explaining what it is that you would like to get out of Phoenix Firecamp. Please describe in detail your interests in fire and emergency services and if you have aspirations for a future in emergency services. Is there someone in particular who inspires you? We are not evaluating this based on grammar or punctuation. It may be handwritten or typed. We want to understand more about whom you are, therefore, it is important that this essay is in your own words.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Legal Guardian's Signature*: _____ Date: _____

**Required of all applicants 17 years and under*

Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2012

Please send application, essay, a wallet sized photo of yourself and a \$75 non-refundable application fee to: Phoenix Firecamp P.O. Box 1196 Yonkers, NY 10702 Please make check or money order payable to **Fire Service Women of New York State**. If you are selected as a camper for July 2012 you will receive an acceptance packet by June 1, 2012.

Important notes/Requirements *Only applicants who have not previously attended Phoenix Firecamp are eligible to apply. Applicants must have turned 14 years old by June 1, 2012 and must have completed the 8th grade in order to be eligible. Applicants must not have reached their 20th birthday by July 15, 2012 in order to meet the age requirement. **All applicants must be covered by and provide proof of medical insurance.***

Phoenix Firecamp is a remarkable weeklong training opportunity and is one of very few such programs in the United States and Canada. The training is valuable, yet, intense. The day starts with a wake-up call at 6am and lights out at 10pm. In order to maintain a safe and productive environment, proper rest between these hours is vital. For this reason, Phoenix Firecamp limits use of cellphones to designated personal times only. Parents are welcome to use the Phoenix Firecamp number in order to contact their child during the week.

Campers 17 years and under are required to be transported to and from Phoenix Firecamp by a responsible adult. Only campers 18 and older are allowed to keep a vehicle on the academy grounds. Phoenix Firecamp is a closed campus and campers regardless of age are not permitted to leave the training grounds or resident facilities without staff supervision. Parents and/or guardians and additional family members are highly encouraged to attend the Graduation Ceremony on Friday afternoon at the conclusion of camp.

Donations to Phoenix Firecamp: Phoenix Firecamp is a project of the Fire Service Women of New York State, a nonprofit statewide organization committed to supporting women in fire and emergency services. Phoenix Firecamp is staffed by volunteer and career women firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics. All staff members pay their own expenses and use personal time to make Phoenix Firecamp possible. Donations are welcome. Phoenix Firecamp's non-profit tax status is 501(c)(3). Please make checks payable to **Fire Service Women of New York State** and send to:

Phoenix Firecamp - FSWNYS, P.O. Box 1196, Yonkers, NY 10702

You will receive a receipt and a copy of our IRS tax exempt statement for tax purposes. Please address any questions you may have to phoenix@fswnys.org

Thank you.