

Frequently Asked Questions – FSWNYS Phoenix Firecamp

Q. Is there an application fee?

A. Yes - \$275.00 if application is post marked by April 15, if applying after the fee is \$325.00
This fee covers a small amount of the total cost of camp. The remaining cost is incurred by Fire Service Women of New York State, fundraising and donations. This fee is used towards food and supplies used during the week.

Q. What if I cannot afford the application fee?

A. You can fill out a scholarship application which is found on our website under “Phoenix Firecamp” and submit with your application.

Q. What if I am not selected, what happens to my fee?

A. The fee is returned to you.

Q. What if I am selected but can no longer attend, is my fee returned?

A. No, you will need to fill out a new application the following year but will be given preference in the selection.

Q. Do you have to live in New York to attend camp?

A. No, anyone willing to make the journey can apply. In addition to New York, we have had campers from Alabama, Canada, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania to name a few.

Q. Where do the campers stay? Are there staff that stay on the premise?

A. The campers stay at the Utica Fire Academy where they sleep in the bunkroom, use the showers and bathrooms, kitchen and classroom. There is also a gym available with the accompany of a staff member. There are typically at least 4 staff members that stay at the Academy, two being certified EMTs.

Q. If only a handful of staff stay at the Academy, where do the remaining staff stay?

A. Staff pay their own way for the week. For those who do not stay at the Academy, FSWNYS has made arrangements with Mohawk Valley Community College to use their dorm facilities or they may choose an area hotel.

Q. How is the staff made up?

A. The staff is very mixed and includes individuals of all different backgrounds. Most staff come from New York State but we also have staff from surrounding states and even Alabama and Canada. Our staff comprises of volunteer, career, retired and former firefighters.