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## 2018 PHOENIX FIRECAMP CAMPER APPLICATION, JULY 15-20

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Full address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Grade (Fall '18): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Provide a Reference (*NOT* a family member): \_\_\_\_\_

Reference's Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In which sports, hobbies, or other activities are you involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**CAMPER APPLICATION, page 2** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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):

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

**CAMPER APPLICATION, page 3** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write an essay, minimum of 500 words, explaining what it is that you would like to achieve at 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 you based on grammar or punctuation. It may be handwritten or word-processed. We want to understand more about who 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, 2018**

*Please send application, essay, a wallet sized photo of yourself and a \$300 (U.S. dollars only) fee to: Phoenix Firecamp, 3842 US 20, Nassau, NY 12123. Please make check or money order (U.S. dollars only) payable to **Fire Service Women of New York State**.*

If you are selected as a camper for July 2018, you will receive an acceptance packet by June 15, 2018. There is a scholarship available for those in financial need. Scholarship applications are posted on the FSWNYS website.

**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, 2018 and must have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in order to be eligible. Applicants must not have reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 15, 2018 in order to meet the age requirement. **All applicants must be covered by and provide proof of medical insurance.***

Phoenix Firecamp is a remarkable, week-long training opportunity and is one of only a few such programs in the United States and Canada. The training is valuable, yet intense. The day starts with a wake-up call at 6 a.m. 16 hours later, lights go out at 10 p.m. 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 residence 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 Phoenix Firecamp.

**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 female firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics. All staff members pay their own expenses and use personal time to make Phoenix Firecamp possible.

Donations from families, community members and fire departments are most 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, 3842 US 20, Nassau, NY 12123

You will receive a receipt, and may download a copy of our IRS tax exempt statement for tax purposes which is available on the links section of the FSWNYS homepage: <http://www.fswnys.org>. Please address any questions you may have to [phoenix@fswnys.org](mailto:phoenix@fswnys.org)

Thank you from Fire Service Women of NYS!!