

Camp O'Connor 2017 Youth Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name Paige Millis-Wight
Parent/Guardian Name Shelley Millis-Wight
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City, State Zip Code Phoenix, AZ 85021
Phone 602-692-4074
Parent E-Mail Address Shelley.millis@gmail.com
Student Date of Birth November 17, 20013

SCHOOL INFORMATION (Provide information for the school you are attending during the 2017-2018 school year)

School Madison #1
Street Address 5601 N 16th St
City, State Zip Code Phoenix, AZ 85016
Phone (602) 664-7100
Website <http://madisonaz.org/no1-middle-school/home/>

APPLICANT GRADE LEVEL

What grade will you be in during the 2017-2018 school year?

7th Grade 8th Grade

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Tell us what extracurricular activities you are involved in:

- Performing Arts (i.e., Acting, Band, Choir, Drama, Dance, Music, etc.)
 School Club (i.e., Civics Club, NJHS, Other, etc.)
 Sports (i.e., Baseball, Cheer, Football, Gymnastics, Soccer, Swim, Volleyball, etc.)
 Other
 N/A

From the list of extracurricular activities, please provide additional information regarding the types of activities you are currently involved in. If you are currently not participating in any extracurricular activities, please share with us what activities you would like to be involved in (less than 500 words):

I am a part of National Junior Honor Society at Madison #1. I enjoy this club because of the volunteer activities and enjoy working with others that volunteer. For example, I tutor other students in Math, participate in cleaning a street near my school each month, and provide support to school fundraisers.

I am also a member of Madison #1's yearbook committee. This is my first year working on the yearbook and I really enjoy being part of something that will produce joy at the end of the year for my classmates. I enjoy photographing my classmates and recording data that will be used as content for the year book.

I participate in my school's track team. My specific events are the long jump, 4x100m relay and a variety of sprints. Earlier in the year I ran with the cross country team. When I am running I feel very graceful both mentally and physically; my mind is free of thought and it is just focused on the race, which is extremely calming.

On the weekends, I ride horses. I feel spiritually connected with horses. I love to take care of them even when riding them can be challenging. To be in control of a such a large animal is a humbling feeling. When I ride horses I feel like I can do anything.

These are some of activities that I choose to spend my time doing.

WHY CAMP O'CONNOR?

Explain why you would like to participate in Camp O'Connor (less than 500 words):

I would like to participate in Camp O'Connor because I believe I will gain insight into government. The knowledge I will gain from the camp may explain to me why our government is being run the way it is.

I would appreciate leadership exercises to enhance my skills to help me affect change in our local government. It feels like our government is so far away and out of reach, through the camp I hope to appreciate our democratic process at a higher level and gain depth to speak about it.

I do not to like the attention on me. I like to have real conversations, real dialogue about real issues. I prefer to absorb information and use it later. I believe that Camp O'Connor will enable me to think about things in a different way, learn things about government that I didn't realize and provide me an opportunity to interact with other students to share my thoughts. Participating in Camp O'Connor would be a once in a lifetime opportunity, the knowledge and abilities I would gain through it sound amazing to me. I would like to go back to school in 8th grade as someone who is confident and who is ready thoughtful conversation about our government and what we can do as middle school students.

I feel like the people in my school have very strong opinions about government, I think that Camp O'Connor experience can help me become an example of someone who speaks from knowledge and experience. Participation in Camp O'Connor would help me as a person, my school, and my community, I strongly feel that my participation in Camp O'Connor will provide an avenue for me to develop in many ways, that is why I want to go to Camp O'Connor this summer.

REAL WORLD APPLICATION

If selected, explain how you plan to take what you learn during Camp O'Connor and apply it in your school and community:

I have always been very quiet in school and in my community, if I were to learn about leadership at Camp O'Connor I would be able to share my ideas about our government more openly with my peers. I would also be learning about the government at Camp O'Connor. If I felt that I had been given legitimate information about our government then I would be more willing to share it.

I recently moved into my community and I would like to be more active in my community in terms of government and politics. I hope to one day commit myself to politics and I believe that if I were to begin by being involved in my community then I would ultimately gain practice for later in my life.

Camp O'Connor's to provide leadership and confidence building skills are areas I am interested in. I need to gain confidence to talk about government. I am fascinated about politics. It is so interesting to learn how the government operates, but sometimes I feel that accurate information isn't shared. I feel Camp O'Connor would be a way for me to learn and discuss about truthful government.

From what I would learn at Camp O'Connor, I would work to improve my neighborhood and school. I love doing volunteer work, I need a way to connect with my community to improve it. I would like to participate in cleaning up my neighborhood and helping the people in it. I live by a park and sometimes during the summer when it is very hot out, there are people without homes in the park. I think that I could band together with classmates and others in my neighborhood to help these people by bringing them water and food. I also think that our community and Phoenix should be kept clean (my room not included :) I would like to help with this too. These missions to help my community could be possible but I wonder if a kid will be listened to. At Camp O'Connor I am excited to learn about leadership and inspiring those around you. I feel I have lost some of my confidence I used to have before middle school.

One of the things I would focus on are people. There are so many people without food and without jobs, I think that the entire world needs to acknowledge that yes, there are many issues in the world, but none of them could be resolved if the people are not healthy and participating. I recently did a research project on Political Advertising and I found out that voter turnout has been dropping by 10% every year since the 1960's. This is astonishing, it means that the people are unhappy with the government, this is dysfunctional in a democratic nation. I wish to work to bring the people of my community and the government together before things fall apart. I genuinely hope I get to participate so that I can help the people of my community and my school.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE

I affirm that I have completed the questions in this form. If selected, I will apply what I have learned during Camp O'Connor and share the information with my peers, teachers and school principal.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date

Raiqa Millis-Wight
Raiqa Millis-Wight
3/28/17

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE

I affirm that the facts set forth in this application are true and complete. I also affirm the answers provided above were completed by my child. I understand that if my child is accepted as a participant, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me or my child on this application may result in my child's immediate dismissal.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date

Shelley Millis-Wight

Shelley Millis-Wight

March 28, 2017



ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED

All attachments must be typed, signed and uploaded online (www.lawforkids.org/get-involved/camp-o-connor) no later than March 28, 2017 to be considered for the 2017-2018 Camp O'Connor. Late or partial submissions will not be distributed to the Camp O'Connor Application Committee for review.

- Parent/Legal Guardian Recommendation Form
- Letter of Recommendation Form (i.e. teacher, mentor, neighbor, coach, etc.)
- Media Release Form

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2017 Letter of Recommendation

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Each applicant is asked to complete an application and submit parent and letter of recommendation forms. These forms will be reviewed by the Camp O'Connor Application Review Committee for consideration of the applicant to participate in the weeklong summer camp at Arizona State University. We thank you in advance for recommending this amazing youth and helping them to achieve future success!

TEACHER INFORMATION

Name	Marlies Keller
Applicant Name	Paige Mills-Wright
Relationship to Applicant	Language Arts Teacher
Street Address	5601 N 16 th Street
City, State Zip Code	Phoenix, AZ 85016
Phone	602.664.71
E-Mail Address	mkeller@madisoned.org

AFFILIATION

Explain the capacity in which you had the honor and privilege of working with this youth (less than 500 words):

I have the pleasure of being Paige's 7th grade language arts teacher. She is enrolled in the REACH (Rigorous, Enriched, Accelerated Curriculum) program at Madison #1 Middle School. This means that she is performing two grade levels above the 7th grade curriculum. Paige works well independently and collaboratively.

In addition to being my student, Paige also works on the school yearbook with me. As the yearbook advisor for our school, I have a firsthand account of her work ethics outside of the classroom. As part of the yearbook, she gets to showcase her writing skills and her ability to work well when faced with deadlines.

RECOMMENDATION

Explain your reasoning for recommending this student to participate in Camp O'Connor and how this camp will affect their life (less than 500 words):

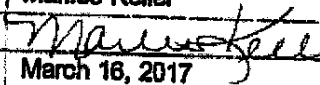
I highly recommend Paige to be considered as a participant in Camp O'Connor. Paige is a wonderful young lady who strives to do her best always. This experience would be a wonderful opportunity for Paige to further enhance her skills as a leader.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Share any additional information you would like for the Camp O'Connor Application Committee to know (less than 500 words):

TEACHER AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE

I affirm that the facts set forth in this application are true and complete. I also highly recommend this student for Camp O'Connor.

Name (printed)	Marlies Keller
Signature	
Date	March 16, 2017

FORM SUBMISSION

Upon completion, please return this form to the applicant. All forms and recommendations are due on March 28, 2017. For additional information regarding Camp O'Connor, please visit <http://lawforkids.org/get-involved/camp-o-connor>.

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2017 Parent Recommendation Form

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	Shelley Millis-Wight
Applicant Name	Paige Millis-Wight
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Phone	602 692 4074
E-Mail Address	Shelley.millis@gmail.com

APPLICANT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES & ATTRIBUTES

Explain the qualities and attributes your child possesses which make them a good candidate for the O'Connor Camp summer program (less than 500 words):

Paige is a thirteen year old, looking to figure out her path and place in the world. She is passionate about the news and has an opinion on those events. Paige loves to discuss why decisions are made by our leaders. I feel Paige would be a good candidate as she will engage but not take over activities, that she will partner in teams, but does not need to have the spot light for accomplishments. Paige is comfortable with working towards a solution and presenting to a group. Each of these skills I think would support the activities the camp may have designed.

Another quality Paige brings is her humor and laughter. Although she may be shy at first, she builds bonds quickly and those relationships often result in antics through dances or plays. I expect the camp will have escapades to build connections across the participants and Paige would be an active contributor.

Paige also brings a global view. We lived in China for two and a half years. During that time we experienced different government groups – customs, immigration, housing authorization, visa processing and recognition of government officials.

Finally, Paige is active in her community (NJHS, Tutoring, 16th Street Clean up, Madison Foundation volunteer) which I feel means that she will take the knowledge and inspiration of the camp back to the community. Without a doubt I am biased that Paige would be a camp participant that contributes to the Summer Camp success.

RECOMMENDATION

Explain why you would like your child to participate in Camp O'Connor and how this camp will affect their life (less than 500 words):

I would like Paige to have the opportunity to interact with other kids to find a path of accomplishment outside of academics. So much of today's student success is measured on test scores. Paige is an excellent student and in the Reach Program within the Madison School District. She enjoys her extra-curricular activities, but as she approaches the adulthood I would like her to be grounded in the civic components of our society.

From the ages of eight to ten, Paige read as many books about Eleanor Roosevelt that she could. From those books she learned about the United Nations, the Depression, human depression and alcoholism. We would discuss all facets of Eleanor's life. I love how Paige digested the information and then would engage on an aspect of Eleanor Roosevelt's life that she didn't understand. Paige approached the recent political campaigns in the same way, trying to understand the "why". Are there grey truths? Does the media, the population expect different things from a male or female president? How does protecting a view I disagree with, protect my view? I welcome Paige to have an experience to talk about our government that is moderated outside our family ties.

Finally, I was drawn to this camp because of Sandra Day O'Connor. Not only is she a role model for young women, but also a strong woman out in the wild west and a moderate that tried to view all sides. I extend that feeling to the Institute and the Summer Camp. I am excited for Paige to experience the inaugural year of the camp that is focused on leadership, our government and being active in the democratic process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Share any additional information you would like for the Camp O'Connor Application Committee to know (less than 500 words):

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE

I affirm that the facts set forth in this application are true and complete. I also agree to provide adequate transportation to and from the camp during camp hours. Furthermore, I understand that my child must fully participate in all 5 days of the camp.

Name (printed)

Shelley Millis-Wight

Signature

Shelley Millis-Wight

Date

March 27, 2017



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Camp O'Connor 2017 Media Release Form

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I, _____ Shelley Millis-Wight _____ ("Parent") being the parent or legal guardian of _____ Paige Millis-Wight _____ ("Child"), do grant THE ARIZONA FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES & EDUCATION & THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE permission to use my Child's name, voice, photograph, and likeness for the purpose of completing print and electronic publications that may be used for Law-Related Education and development projects of THE ARIZONA FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES & EDUCATION and THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE. I also give consent for my Child's name to be used in newspaper articles, magazine articles, and other similar publications to promote THE ARIZONA FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES & EDUCATION and its public web sites and THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE and its public web sites in reference to my Child's direct involvement in Law-Related Education and related activities. I also agree that my Child's name, voice and image (photograph or video) may be posted to THE ARIZONA FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES & EDUCATION web sites and THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE web sites for informational purposes regarding my Child's involvement in a particular activity or event, or used in a Public Service Announcement, radio announcement, television commercial, or television program, and any production by or for THE ARIZONA FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES &

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Name (printed) Shelley Millis-Wight
Signature *Shelley Millis-Wight*
Date March 27, 2017



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