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Graduate Studies

Application for Admission



## Letter from the Director of Graduate Admission

Dear Prospective Graduate Student:

Thank you for your interest in Sarah Lawrence College.

As you probably know, Sarah Lawrence is a coeducational college of the liberal arts and sciences located just north of New York City—a college that exemplifies the best of American higher education. Close collaboration between professors and students enables our scholars to chart a course of study well suited to their particular academic needs and aspirations.

We offer the following master's level programs: M.A. programs in Child Development, Health Advocacy, and Women's History; M.S. programs in Human Genetics and Dance/Movement Therapy; an M.S.Ed. in the Art of Teaching program; and M.F.A. programs in Dance, Writing, and Theatre. We also have a dual degree program in Social Work and Child Development (M.A./M.S.W.) in conjunction with New York University Silver School of Social Work as well as a joint degree program in Women's History and Law (M.A./J.D.) with Pace University. The high quality and diversity of our teaching staff and student body, coupled with our close proximity to New York City—just 30 minutes to midtown Manhattan—creates an intellectual atmosphere that is always stimulating and exciting.

Sarah Lawrence College seeks to attract and retain men and women who demonstrate intellectual curiosity and excellence, concern for others, and the need for personal growth. We are particularly committed to having our faculty, administration, and student body reflect the social, racial, and economic diversity that characterizes our society. It is our belief that a diverse community enhances education by the vitality of dialogue among people with different experiences and beliefs.

You may apply to any one of our distinctive master's and dual degree programs with this application packet.

We invite you to visit our campus to observe classes, tour the facilities, and interact with our current students. We also encourage you to visit the Sarah Lawrence Graduate Studies Web site at [www.sarahlawrence.edu/graduate](http://www.sarahlawrence.edu/graduate).

If you have any questions about the application process or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at (914) 395-2371, or send an e-mail to [grad@sarahlawrence.edu](mailto:grad@sarahlawrence.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emanuel Lomax". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Emanuel Lomax  
*Director of Graduate Admission*

All materials submitted become the property of Sarah Lawrence College and cannot be returned. Such materials shall not be disclosed to any person not concerned with the professional development of the student.

### **Application Form**

Return the completed application form to the Graduate Studies Office at Sarah Lawrence College. Please keep in mind that all programs require additional materials, interviews and/or auditions. *See the following for details.*

### **Application Fee**

A nonrefundable application fee of \$60.00 must accompany your completed application form. Payments must be made by check or money order to Sarah Lawrence College.

### **Transcripts**

An official transcript from each undergraduate and graduate institution you attended is required. Only official transcripts sent directly from the institution to Graduate Studies at Sarah Lawrence College will be accepted. Please send to: **Graduate Studies, Sarah Lawrence College, 1 Mead Way, Bronxville, NY 10708**. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that official transcripts (one copy only) from all colleges and universities attended are sent directly from each school to the Graduate Studies Office.

### **Recommendations**

Please send two letters of recommendation from people who know you well enough to give an informed opinion as to your intellectual ability for sustained academic effort. If you are unable to contact former teachers, we welcome letters from others, such as employers, who can make similar assessments. Preferably, one of those should be from a person in your field of interest. Recommendation forms are enclosed.

### **Interviews**

The following programs DO REQUIRE interviews: M.F.A. in Dance; M.S. in Human Genetics and Dance/Movement Therapy; M.F.A. in Theatre; M.A. in Child Development; M.A. in Health Advocacy; M.S.E.d. in Art of Teaching. Interviews and/or auditions are arranged by invitation AFTER all materials have been received.

### **GRE**

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are **not** required for admission to Sarah Lawrence.

### **International Applicants/TOEFL Results**

Individuals whose native language is not English must include official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Information concerning TOEFL may be obtained by writing: TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08541. Request that the results be forwarded to **Sarah Lawrence College, ETS code 2810**.

## **Requirements/Instructions for Essays and Writing Sample**

Essay questions and/or writing sample requirements are specific to each program. Please make sure to include all writing materials with each sheet clearly labeled, indicating the specific question being answered. Please address each question according to indicated or reasonable length (generally at least one page if not indicated). All materials must be typed. Any additional material which represents your ability to pursue graduate study would be welcome.

### **Art of Teaching, Child Development, Women's History:**

1. Autobiography (500–1,000 words)
2. Please state in general and specific terms why you want to pursue graduate work.
3. Why do you want to pursue your graduate studies at Sarah Lawrence College?
4. Please submit a copy of a graded undergraduate academic (paper/writing) or professional writing.

### **Dance [Full Time Only]**

1. Please discuss a dance performance or critical work on dance that you found compelling (750 words).
2. Please describe recent dance projects you have worked on, and what work you would like to pursue as a graduate student in dance at Sarah Lawrence College (750 words).
3. Why would the MFA program in Dance at Sarah Lawrence College serve your goals (500 words)?
4. An on-site audition and interview are highly recommended. If it is not possible for an applicant to attend an on-site audition and interview, a videotape or DVD of the applicant's work, in American format, is required at the time of the application deadline.

### **Dance/Movement Therapy [Full Time Only]**

1. Please write an essay of approximately 1,000–1,500 words covering the following topics:
  - a. A description of your dance training and experience
  - b. A description of your experience with service learning, social service work, volunteer history or cross-cultural experiences
  - c. An Explanation of why you wish to pursue graduate work in Dance/Movement Therapy, and how you plan to utilize this training.
2. An on-site group dance/movement assessment and interview are important components of the application process. International applicants and others who are not able to travel to Sarah Lawrence campus should contact the Graduate Studies office to make alternative arrangements.

### **Health Advocacy**

1. Autobiography (500–1,000 words)
2. Why do you wish to pursue graduate work in Health Advocacy (300-word limit)?
3. Describe in detail a special project or career activity of yours, which will help us to understand your interests and talents (500-word limit).
4. How do you plan to utilize this training (300-word limit)?

### **Human Genetics**

1. Autobiography (500–1,000 words)
2. Write one essay (800–1,200 words) which includes:
  - a. Why do you wish to pursue graduate work in Human Genetics?
  - b. How do you plan to utilize this training?
  - c. Describe in detail a special project or career activity of yours, which will help us to understand your interests and talents.
3. Why do you want to pursue your graduate studies at Sarah Lawrence College?

## Theatre [Full Time Only]

1. Describe the things that have made you into the theatre artist you are now (500–1,000 words).
2. What are you seeking in a graduate theatre program to further your journey as a theatre artist (500–1,000 words).
3. Why do you want to pursue your graduate studies at Sarah Lawrence College?

## Writing

1. Personal statement (500-1,000 words). Please tell us who you are and why you wish to study writing at Sarah Lawrence College.
2. Submit a maximum of 20 to 30 pages of a fiction or nonfiction manuscript/writing samples, or a maximum of 15 pages of poetry.

## Program:

## Deadlines:

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M.F.A. in Theatre, M.F.A. in Dance

**January 1**

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M.S. in Human Genetics, M.F.A. in Writing

**January 15**

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M.A. in Child Development

**February 1**

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M.A. in Women's History

Preferential deadline **February 1**;  
applications accepted on a rolling basis.

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M.A. in Health Advocacy

Preferential deadline **February 1**;  
applications accepted on a rolling basis.

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Dual Degree in Social Work and Child Development

**February 1**

Admission to **both** programs is required.  
Please check the NYU Web site:  
([www.socialwork.nyu.edu/](http://www.socialwork.nyu.edu/)) for the M.S.W. admission  
deadline. Students who are admitted to both schools  
will be reviewed for the dual degree program.

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Joint Degree program in Women's History and Law

Admission to **both** programs is required,  
and the preferential deadline for Women's  
History is **February 1** (rolling admissions).  
Please check the Pace University Web site:  
(<http://law.pace.edu/academics/joint.html>) for the J.D.  
admission deadline. Students who are admitted to both  
schools will be reviewed for the joint degree program.

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M.S.Ed. in the Art of Teaching

Preferential deadline **March 1**;  
applications accepted on a rolling basis.

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M.S. in Dance/Movement Therapy

Preferential deadline: **April 15**.

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Application deadlines are the same for non-U.S. applicants as for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

\*Although some programs do not require interviews, applicants are encouraged to visit the campus and learn about the College's programs. If travel to Sarah Lawrence would be a burden, alternatives may be arranged.

**Contact Graduate Studies at (914) 395-2371 to schedule a visit.**

*Sarah Lawrence College admits students and selects employees regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national or ethnic origin and thereafter accords them all rights and privileges generally made available to students or employees at the College. The College is strongly committed to basing judgments about individuals solely upon qualifications and abilities and to protecting individual rights of privacy, association, belief, and expression.*

# Application for Admission

## 1. Entrance Information

I plan to attend beginning \_\_\_\_\_  
Year

My intended program of study is \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought:  MFA  MA  MEd  MS  MA/MSW  MA/JD

If you are a writing applicant, indicate genre:  Fiction  Nonfiction  Poetry

I plan on attending  Part Time  Full Time

*Please keep in mind that you must apply as a full-time student for the M.F.A. in Dance, the M.F.A. in Theatre, and the M.S. in Dance/Movement Therapy programs.*

Have you ever applied for admission here before?  Yes  No Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in Financial Aid?  Yes  No

Financial Aid forms can be found at [http://www.slc.edu/graduate/financial-aid/How\\_to\\_Apply\\_for\\_Aid.php](http://www.slc.edu/graduate/financial-aid/How_to_Apply_for_Aid.php)

## 2. Personal Data

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name Middle name

Other name(s) under which transcript might be filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Female  Male

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/day/year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official telephone number Alternate telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address Alternate e-mail address

### Current address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street and number Apartment

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip or postal code Country

Effective date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Permanent address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street and number Apartment

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip or postal code Country

Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No

If no, state your country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ and country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

TOEFL score (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. Permanent Resident?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide your Alien Registration Transfer number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident, and are now in the U.S., check the type of visa you hold:

F-1  F-2  J-1  J-2  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your ethnicity: (check one)  Hispanic/Latino  Not Hispanic/Latino

*Hispanic or Latino means a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin REGARDLESS OF RACE.*

Please indicate your racial ancestry: (check one or more)

American Indian or Alaskan Native  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Asian  White

Black or African American

### 3. Education

Please list all colleges or universities you have attended, dates, degrees, and major field. An official transcript must be submitted for each institution you attended even if no credits were earned. Enter the date on which you ordered each transcript. If transcripts are under a different name, please specify that name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name(s) of College/University* *Dates attended*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Degree/Major field* *Date transcript ordered*

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## 4. Professional History

List relevant business, professional, or volunteer training. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. You may attach a resume or curriculum vitae if you wish.

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*Dates worked* *Employer, Organization, or Agency*

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*Description of Position* *Full/Part Time*      *Paid/Volunteer*

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## 5. Extracurricular Activities

Please list professional awards, academic honors, fellowships, or publications.

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## 6. References

List those persons you have asked to submit letters of recommendation.

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*Name*

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## 7. Survey Questions (Optional)

What are your reasons for seeking a graduate degree?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic/scholarly career      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonacademic career       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal enrichment            | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance a current career |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____<br><i>Specify</i> |   |

How did you hear about the graduate programs at Sarah Lawrence College?

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement/Newspaper/Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Association  | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Website                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumnae/i                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment event         | <input type="checkbox"/> Through Profession             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College professor                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation of SLC         | <input type="checkbox"/> Viewbook                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet                         | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Graduate student      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____<br><i>Specify</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poster                           | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Undergraduate student |   |

Are you applying to other graduate schools? (Optional)

- Yes  No

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Applicant's Letter of Recommendation

## To the Applicant:

This form should be given to a faculty member who is able to comment on your qualifications for graduate study. If you have been away from an academic institution for some time, this form may be given to some other person who is able to comment on your academic qualifications. For the convenience of the person completing this form, you should include a stamped envelope addressed to:

Graduate Studies  
Sarah Lawrence College  
1 Mead Way  
Bronxville, New York 10708-5999

### Type or print.

Applicant's name:  Ms.  Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name Middle name

### Please Note

This address should be the same as the local mailing address on your Application for Admission.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and number Apartment

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City State Zip or postal code Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

Proposed Program (for Writing students, indicate genre): \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify  MA  MS  MFA  
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Semester applying for: Fall \_\_\_\_\_  
Year

Name of person who will be submitting this recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (the Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their educational records, students may waive their rights to see specific confidential statements and letters of recommendation. In the belief that applicants, and the person from whom the evaluation is requested, may wish to preserve the confidentiality of those evaluations; we are giving you an opportunity to sign one of the following statements. If neither statement is signed, the right to examine this letter is automatically not permitted.

A. I waive my right to examine this letter. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

B. I do not waive my right to examine the letter. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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## To the Recommender:

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### *Please Note*

*Alternatively, you may submit your recommendation on official letterhead.*

### **Type or print.**

Please rate how the applicant compares with other students for whom you have written letters of recommendation for graduate study by checking the appropriate boxes on the continuum below:

A. Intellectual ability:  No basis for judgment  Low  Average  Very good  Excellent (top 5%)

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Signature

Title or position

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# Application Checklist

- Application Form completed and sent with fee.
- Official Transcript requested.
- Recommendations (2) requested.
- Essay Requirements/Writing Sample typed and sent.
- Schedule a campus visit.
- Interview and/or audition, if required, arranged.  
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