

# SARAH • LAWRENCE • COLLEGE

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## Supplement to the Common Application 2008-2009

This form is required of all students applying to Sarah Lawrence College as a supplement to the Common Application. Please complete both sides of the form, attach the supplemental essay, analytical paper, and \$60 nonrefundable application fee, and return to the Office of Admission.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Prefer to Be Called  
Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Country Zip

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School you attend now \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State/Country Zip

Have you ever applied to Sarah Lawrence College before?  Yes  No

If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying as a:

First-year student for September

Early Decision I

(Deadline–November 15)

Early Decision II

(Deadline–January 1)

Regular Decision

(Deadline–January 1)

Transfer or  Guest for the term beginning

January 2009

September 2009

**If you are applying Early Decision, you and your guidance counselor *must* complete the Common Application Early Decision Agreement, available at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) or [www.sarahlawrence.edu/admission](http://www.sarahlawrence.edu/admission).**

Has any member of your family attended or worked at Sarah Lawrence College? If so, list the name, year of graduation or years of employment and position held, and relationship to you:

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Name Year of Graduation/Employment Relationship

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How did you hear about Sarah Lawrence College? \_\_\_\_\_

What areas of interest do you want to pursue in college? \_\_\_\_\_

# Analytical Paper

Sarah Lawrence College is a writing intensive environment. We require our undergraduates to write in-depth, analytical papers across all disciplines, and we measure students' academic progress by examining these papers. For this reason, the Admission Committee would like to review a sample of your analytical writing as we consider your application. Please submit a copy of an academic paper that meets the following criteria:

- The content is an analysis, including a thesis, examination, and support of arguments, with secondary sources cited when applicable.
- The paper was written for an academic class and the assignment was long-term, meaning you were given two days or more to complete it. Assignments with time restrictions in minutes (in class essays, exam essays, or short, timed take-home tests) are not appropriate.
- The paper includes your teacher's comments, feedback, and a grade.
- The paper was completed within the last two years of your schooling.
- The paper was written in or translated into the English language.

*Note: Creative writing will NOT be accepted for the analytical paper requirement.*

If you do not have an academic paper that meets these criteria, write a paper that satisfies the above requirements. The paper should be at least 3-5 pages, and you should have one of your current teachers mark it before you submit it for review. If you have questions about the nature of this paper, please see the Frequently Asked Questions page on the Sarah Lawrence College Office of Admission Web site.

## Please provide the following information:

Title of paper: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of paper: \_\_\_\_\_

For which class did you write this paper? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the time restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the assignment? \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay

***At Sarah Lawrence, we believe that an educated human being is one who combines skepticism with reverence, who questions everything but the dignity and worth of others, and who recognizes the obligation to serve the larger community. Please choose one of the three options below and write a 250-500 word essay in English.***

1. A central part of learning at Sarah Lawrence is conference work, the guided independent study on a topic of the student's choosing that accompanies each seminar course. Conference work is a result of a student's specific area of interest in a class and a teacher's guidance; most often this semester- or year-long course of study culminates in a substantial paper, project, or piece of research. For this essay, we offer you the chance to imagine what you might do for conference work. Is there a topic you've always wanted to learn more about? Has a class in high school rushed past a subject that you found fascinating? The topic can be as broad or narrow as you would like.
2. We assume that you have changed throughout your high school years, and we are curious to hear what experiences and challenges in the past four years have influenced who you have become. We are also interested in how these changes have led you to apply to Sarah Lawrence College. What is it about the college and its unique educational structure that leads you to think that you will be a good fit? How will the college help you fulfill your goals?
3. Many Sarah Lawrence alumnae/i credit the college for helping them find their voice — whether as scientists, performers, activists, lawyers, or simply as educated individuals. Do you feel as if you have found your voice, and, if so, what factors and experiences helped you do so? How do you think Sarah Lawrence and its unique educational structure will help you develop or discover your voice?