

June 5, 2008

## **LETTER OF BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS**

Dear New Student and Parents:

Congratulations on your decision to attend Sarah Lawrence College. We welcome you to our community.

This letter contains important information about your financial obligations to the College while you are enrolled as a student during the 2008-2009 academic year.

### **How to Make Payment for the 2008-2009 Fall Semester**

Please read the **Checklist and Instructions for Making Payment** (Attachment 1), which will guide you through each step of this process.

As you follow the checklist, you will review each billing entry on your **Statement of Account** for the 2008-2009 fall semester. You may decide to select or refuse various optional services such as declining the SLC student injury and sickness insurance plan, and selecting the monthly payment plan.

The options you choose will change the Amount Due. After you have made your selections, you must note your adjustments to the bill and determine the total amount you will owe for the fall term on the **2008-2009 Billing Adjustment Worksheet**.

### **Three Important Reminders**

- 1. The College must receive payment in full for the fall semester (or the amount required by your Monthly Payment Plan) by July 15 (or with a postmark of July 14).** If we do not receive your payment by July 15, your account will be assessed a late payment fee of \$125.

2. **If you have requested College-provided Housing and we do not receive your payment by July 15, we will be forced to cancel your room or your guarantee of housing.**
3. **Note that you will not be allowed to register in September until all financial obligations to the College have been met.** Any exceptions to this policy must be requested in advance from Rhoan Cassells, Director of Student Accounts, and must be approved by the College prior to registration. The Director of Student Accounts may be reached at 914-395-2550.

### **Unpaid Balances**

From September 1 and continuing throughout the academic year, student accounts with unpaid balances will be assessed a finance charge equal to 1% per month (12% per year) of the unpaid balance.

### **Refund Policies**

A statement of the College's refund policies can be found on our website, and also appears in the College catalog.

### **If You Have Questions ...**

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Office of Student Accounts (Rhoan Cassells, Director) at 914-395-2550. If your questions pertain to financial aid, please call the Office of Financial Aid (Heather McDonnell, Director of Financial Aid) at 914-395-2570.

We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Yours very truly,

John Bernson  
Vice President for Finance and Planning

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**Check each box as the steps are completed.**

- 1. Please verify and correct, if necessary, the address on the top portion of your **Statement of Account**. All future billing statements will be mailed to this address, unless we are notified of a change in the billing address.
- 2. Print your name and your SLC student identification number at the top of the **Billing Adjustment Worksheet**. Your identification number can be found at the top left-hand section of your Statement of Account.
- 3. Insert the Amount Due from your Statement of Account on line (A), the first line of the Billing Adjustment Worksheet. Please note that all charges and credits on this bill are for the fall semester only.

\*Note: When you accepted the College's offer of admission, you were asked to make a deposit of \$400 to the College to secure your place. On your Statement of Account you will have a credit for \$300 of the deposit. The remaining \$100 is held by the College for the duration of your attendance at SLC and will be credited to your account at the time of graduation or separation from the College and applied to any outstanding balance. If there is no outstanding balance, the amount remaining will be refunded to you.

- 4. **Health Insurance**. Please review the information detailing the **Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan** being offered to Sarah Lawrence students. The cost is \$1,870 for the period September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. **This coverage is required unless** you have equivalent insurance and assume full responsibility for all medical costs.

The College recommends that you accept the insurance. If you intend to take the insurance, enter "0" on line (B) of the Billing Adjustment Worksheet where "Health Insurance" is indicated.

If you have your own insurance, and after evaluating the Plan, you feel that you do not need the insurance, subtract \$1,870 on line (B) of the Billing Adjustment Worksheet where "Health Insurance" is indicated. **Complete and return the Waiver Form.. If you do not return a signed Waiver Form, your account will be charged for the insurance.**

- 5. **Tuition Refund Insurance**. Please review the information detailing the Tuition Refund Insurance Plan being offered as an option to Sarah Lawrence students by A.W.G. Dewar, Inc. The cost is \$260 for the full academic year. This plan provides for the refund

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of up to 90% of your tuition, room, board and fees (less any refund or credit due you from the College) if you withdraw because of personal illness or accident.

If you intend to take the insurance, enter “0” on line (C) of the Billing Adjustment Worksheet where “Tuition Refund Insurance” is indicated.

If you do **not** wish to purchase the tuition refund insurance, subtract \$260 on line (C) of the Billing Adjustment Worksheet. Complete and **return the signed Waiver of Benefits form. If you do not return a completed Waiver of Benefits form, your account will be charged for the tuition refund insurance.**

6. **Meal Plan.** Please review the Meal Plan information that describes the various meal plans offered to SLC students. If you are a resident student, we have charged the cost of Meal Plan 2A (\$2,174 per semester) to your Statement of Account. Resident Freshmen are required to take Meal Plan “1” or “2/2A”. If you wish to change plans, add the difference in the amount on line (D) of the Adjustment Worksheet where “Meal Plans” is indicated.

Any Meal Plan change after the first week of school will carry a Change Fee of \$25 and may be subject to other penalties depending on the date of the change.

7. **Other Adjustments.** If you have any financial aid credits (grants or loans) that are not included on your Statement of Account, you should subtract the amount here, but only if the Office of Financial Aid confirms such credits. **Confirmation is considered to be the receipt of an Award Letter, a photocopy of which must be returned to us.**

If a financial aid award is noted on your Statement of Account under the term “Unapplied Aid,” it is **not** necessary to make an adjustment notation. This has already been subtracted from your Amount Due and lists the total amount of your financial aid award for the fall semester, along with the sources of such aid (loans and grants). Please be aware that if any modifying financial information about you is received, the amount of financial aid you are eligible for could increase or decrease.

**Work-Study will not be credited to your account through financial aid or any other form of advance payment and thus should not be noted on the Adjustment Worksheet.**

**If you have applied for financial aid and no financial aid credit appears on your billing statement, your financial aid file is most likely incomplete. If this is your situation, you must contact the College’s Financial Aid Office immediately (at 914-395-2570) to take steps to complete your financial aid file. Your application cannot be processed and/or awards granted until the completion of all required documents. Since our financial aid funds are limited, awards may not be available to late applicants.**

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Your Statement of Account may include a tentative credit for any Stafford/PLUS Loan for which you qualify, even though you may not have completed the necessary documentation. **Note that the bank will charge an origination/insurance fee of up to 3% of the amount of such loan(s).** This will be subtracted from your loan proceeds before they are received by Sarah Lawrence College. Importantly, if you have not completed your loan documentation and the expected loan proceeds are not received by the College by September 30 (for the fall semester) or by January 31 (for the spring semester), the credit for the loan(s) will be charged back to your account. This amount will become due immediately.

- 8. Calculate the Adjusted Amount Due. **This is the amount you must pay by July 15, the deadline for the fall semester.** You have completed the Adjustment Worksheet and you are ready to make payment.
- 9. **Monthly Payment Plan Financing.** If you are interested in making payments to the College on a monthly basis and have not already signed up, please review the “Payment Plan Option” located on this website. Here you will find detailed information about the **Tuition Management Systems (TMS) Payment Plan**, which allows you to spread your payments over 10 months. There are no interest charges, but a \$95 non-refundable application fee is assessed.
- (a) If you choose to enroll in the Monthly Payment Plan (MPP), complete the Plan Application form. **The MPP application and your MPP payments must be returned to the Plan provider, Tuition Management Systems (TMS).** All of your monthly payments must be sent to TMS, which administers the payments for Sarah Lawrence College.

On the Plan Application, you will have to calculate the amount due for both terms of the school year, rather than just the fall semester’s charges indicated on your Statement of Account. Multiply the Adjusted Amount Due from your Billing Adjustment Worksheet by two to find this total.

If in the spring semester you intend to take a different number of tuition credits or to have different room and board arrangements, you must add up your bill item by item. Except for the Health Insurance and Tuition Refund Insurance, **every item listed on your Statement of Account covers one semester only and will be charged or credited to your account again in the spring.**

- (b) Divide by two the “**Annual Budget Amount**” listed on the MPP Application Form. Note this amount on the Adjustment Worksheet. This is equal to the amount you pay to the MPP for the fall semester. **In most cases, this is equal to the Adjusted Amount Due. If you send your initial monthly payments in June and July to the MPP on time, we will consider you to have met the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

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10. Complete and sign the **Terms of Payment Policy**.

11. Please return the following items to the Comptroller's Office:

(a) your **Billing Adjustment Worksheet**, the **top portion of your Statement of Account**, and **your payment** in the amount you calculated **for the Adjusted Amount Due**;

\* **Make your check payable to Sarah Lawrence College** and write your student ID number on the check to ensure proper crediting. A fee of \$25 will be charged for any check returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

\* Please note that credit card payments are not accepted by Sarah Lawrence College. Payment by credit card is available only through the Tuition Management Systems. If you would like to use this method of payment, go to [www.afford.com/slc](http://www.afford.com/slc).

\* Payment may also be made by wire transfer to: JP Morgan Chase, 270 Park Ave, New York, NY 10017, ABA No. 021 00 0021, for the account of Sarah Lawrence College, account number 301170958766. If you make payment by wiring funds, please mail or fax us a copy of the statement indicating the date and amount of the wire transfer. If by mail, send the statement directly to the Student Accounts Office, Sarah Lawrence College, One Mead Way, Bronxville, New York 10708, if by fax, to Student Accounts at 914-395-2669.

(b) if you have elected not to purchase student injury and sickness insurance, you must include the completed and signed **“Waiver Form 2008-2009” for the Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan**;

(c) if you have elected not to purchase tuition refund insurance, you must include the completed and signed **“Waiver Form 2008-2009” for the Tuition Refund Insurance Plan**.

(d) **photocopies of any Award Letters** that confirm financial aid noted in “Other Adjustments.”

(e) the signed **Terms of Payment Policy**.

You're finished! Enjoy your summer.