Skidmore’s Honor Code

The Skidmore honor system was established at the request of the student body in 1921. Each student, in accepting enrollment at Skidmore College, agrees to the following code:

“I hereby accept membership in the Skidmore College community and, with full realization of the responsibilities inherent in membership, do agree to adhere to honesty and integrity in all relationships, to be considerate of the rights of others, and to abide by the college regulations.”

All members of the Skidmore community, including students, faculty, and staff, are parties to the honor contract and are expected to abide by its provisions. Members of each year’s entering class affirm the Honor Code at New Student Convocation and, by signing the class banner during Orientation, take a personal pledge to abide by the Honor Code in all academic and social settings.
Welcome to Skidmore!

We hope the next four years will be rewarding for you and your family. This Family Orientation Guide outlines what to expect between now and arrival for New Student Orientation.

As we refine the Orientation schedule during the summer, updates are available at skidmore.edu/fye.

Orientation events are carefully planned to help new students transition successfully to college life, introducing them to our academic, residential, and cocurricular programs. Hence attendance is expected. We’re confident that our incoming students will participate with the enthusiasm characteristic of every new Skidmore class, laying the groundwork for an active and engaged Skidmore experience.

We look forward to challenging our new students—helping them to grow intellectually and preparing them for rewarding and self-confident adulthoods. The beginning of this journey is a key moment in their lives, and it’s important to note that they will start to rely less on their parents and more on themselves. Although your support and guidance remain invaluable, we hope you will encourage them to act on their own behalf and make wise, informed choices as they navigate these next four years. For our part, we will assist them as much as possible even as we also ask them to take responsibility for themselves and their learning. We know you share our certainty that they can handle the new challenges they will face, and we thank you for entrusting their undergraduate education to us.

We are a vibrant community, quite proud of our interrelationships and shared commitments. We hope that as our new students participate with us in Orientation, they will begin to understand the importance of community at Skidmore and will be eager to make their own contributions throughout their college years and beyond. It is our desire to start them off well.

We are pleased to welcome you and your family into the Skidmore community.

Professor Janet Casey
Director of the First-Year Experience

P.S. The following pages also include information about our Pre-Orientation programs, which are optional.
What happens when?

We offer several ways to keep you informed between now and the day you bring your student to Skidmore. Please use this calendar as a guide to help prepare for your arrival. You can also sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and find the orientation schedule and other pertinent information on our website: 

[skidmore.edu/fye](skidmore.edu/fye)

Revisions to the new student orientation schedule will be made throughout the summer, so please check back frequently for updates. The day and time you should arrive and the activities on Sunday, September 1, will not change, but the Monday schedule for new students may. All families will receive the final schedule upon arrival on opening day (September 1).

Plan early if you need overnight accommodations! Saratoga Springs is bustling in the summer, so it’s best to be proactive.
MAY is when the Class of 2023 is officially enrolled. It’s also when your student will start making arrangements for life at Skidmore.

INFORMATION TO WATCH FOR

☐ From Admissions:
  • Notice from the Information Technology Office with instructions for creating a Skidmore email account. This account must be used to make Scribner Seminar selections, submit academic interests, complete the housing questionnaire, take placement exams and to receive other important communications.

  Students should use their Skidmore email account as their primary email address for any/all official school business. Communications regarding official school business can only deliver to/from Skidmore email accounts.

☐ From the Bursar’s Office:
  • Information on the Skidmore College Installment Plan (SCIP), Enrollment dates: June 15–July 15
  • Information on the Tuition Stabilization Plan, Deadline: September 4
Visit skidmore.edu/bursar and click on “Payment Plans” for more details about each program.

☐ From the First-Year Experience Office:
  • Email from the director about the Summer Advising Program
  • Email from the Office of Residential Life explaining how to complete the electronic student-housing questionnaire
  • Summer reading materials delivered via U.S. Postal Service. These will be discussed during Orientation and throughout the fall

☐ Scribner Seminars:
  Preferences for FYE Scribner Seminars and academic interest forms are due this month.

  Deadline: May 15

Pre-Orientation Programs (optional)

Skidmore offers approximately 15 pre-orientation programs, on campus and off, beginning Thursday, August 29.

For more information and registration, visit skidmore.edu/preorientation.

For details and deadlines, please call Campus Life at 518-580-8338.

Register as early as possible as programs fill up quickly.

Registration dates: June 5–July 12
**JUNE**

is the time for academic advising and fall course registration.

**INFORMATION TO WATCH FOR**

☐ **From the Registrar:**
Information about summer advising and registering for fall classes

☐ **From Academic Advising:**
A call from a summer advisor, May 31—June 21, to discuss Scribner Seminars, course registration, general requirements, majors, and cocurricular activities. Students are expected to take the initial seminar selection seriously and not request changes lightly. Valid reasons might include unforeseen conflicts with necessary courses or team or rehearsal schedules. Changes are subject to course availability. **Deadline: July 15**

☐ **From the Bursar:**
Student billing and health insurance information. Printable forms are also available online at skidmore.edu/health/forms/. **Deadline: August 1**

☐ **Student Housing**
The housing questionnaire will be available online starting June 6. Students are asked to complete it promptly. **Deadline: June 17**

Incoming students will be assigned a room and roommate(s) for 2019–20 based on the preferences indicated in their housing questionnaire. Skidmore does not assign rooms or roommates on the basis of race, religion, or national origin. All residence halls are smoke- and substance-free. Room assignments will be emailed to students in late July or early August.

☐ **Course Registration**
On June 19 or 20 students may enter the Registrar’s website to complete fall course schedules. Please direct questions to 518-580-5710 or registrar@skidmore.edu.

**JULY**

is for academic and campus-life items.

**INFORMATION TO WATCH FOR**

☐ **Skidmore ID Cards**
Students should submit their ID photos online beginning July 1. The submission form and photo requirements are available at skidmore.edu/card/freshman-photo-requirements.php. **Deadline: August 15**

☐ **Health Services**
Completed health forms are due. **Deadline: August 1**

From Residential Life:
Housing assignments are sent by email in late July or early August.
AUGUST
is when residence assistants, house counselors and peer mentors return to campus to prepare for the arrival of new students.

WHAT SHOULD YOUR STUDENT BE THINKING ABOUT?

Preparing for the Scribner Seminar
Peer mentors will receive the names of their seminar students and will communicate with them via their Skidmore email. Peer mentors are available to new students in late August to answer questions about what college and Skidmore will be like. If peer mentors cannot answer questions, they will help guide your child to the right resource.

☐ Planning Academic Goals
Between July 1 and August 30, students must complete the Reflection and Projection (RAP) exercise, which asks them to reflect on their educational experiences, define what education means to them and plan their future academic goals.

Deadline: August 30

Living in the Residence Halls
The residential life website is skidmore.edu/reslife.
If you have questions, please call 518-580-5765; hours are 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (closed noon–1 p.m.), Monday–Friday.

Students are not allowed to move into their rooms before their official arrival date.

Computing and Internet Access
Skidmore residence halls are equipped for access to the Internet through wireless connections only. Please do not bring your own wireless access points, as they are not allowed in the dorms. Also, please do not buy a wireless printer unless you can connect it directly to your computer with a USB cable; wireless printing is not allowed in the residence halls.

Skidmore’s Information Technology staff will be available during registration at Orientation to answer questions. Representatives will also be on hand August 29 and September 1 to help students having trouble connecting to the Internet. After move-in, students can use the IT Help Desk either in person, on the first floor of the library, or by phone at 518-580-5900.

For an overview of technology services and support, please visit skidmore.edu/it/.

Participating in Pre-Orientation
Students who have registered for an optional Pre-Orientation program will receive an email from the Campus Life Office well in advance to inform them of their date and time of arrival. Pre-Orientation students can move into their rooms upon arrival.

For parents of Pre-Orientation students, there will be an orientation program on August 29; a schedule will be available upon arrival. For these parents, the regular Parent Orientation on September 1 is optional.
Welcome to Skidmore and New Student Orientation! The first day is always exciting and sometimes stressful. Staff and students will help answer your questions, guide you to where you need to go and help ease your anxieties.

**Sunday, September 1, Orientation Schedule**

Please see the end of this guide for directions to campus and a map of the parking areas. Scribner Seminar peer mentors will staff each entrance to campus to guide you to the right residence hall. Skidmore volunteers will be available at the residence halls to assist you in carrying your belongings to your room. Please take advantage of their help!

Orientation materials and a schedule for the day will be distributed as students check into residence halls. (Students who come for Pre-Orientation will also pick up their materials in their residence halls on Sunday.)

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Orientation Registration

The location will be noted in your materials.

- At registration students need to obtain a Skidmore ID card (if not already done), get a first-year T-shirt, register their car (if keeping one on campus) and check in with Health Services (if needed).
- A complimentary lunch for families is served in the dining hall from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- The Skidmore Post Office is open 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and the Skidmore Shop is open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

### Coming to Skidmore

- First-year athletes playing early fall sports will be notified of their arrival date—late in August—by the Athletics Department. Athletes in late fall, winter, and spring sports do not arrive early.
- London First-Year Experience Program students arrive on campus August 19.
- Pre-Orientation program students arrive August 29.
- All remaining new students arrive September 1.
If you need to purchase items for your student’s room that are not available at the Skidmore Shop, stores such as Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe’s, Staples and Bed, Bath and Beyond are located nearby on Route 50 North.

1:30–4 p.m., NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
All new students meet with their Scribner Seminar peer mentor and classmates along Case Center walkway for an informal introduction and discussion. Look for signs with the Scribner Seminar titles posted along the walkway.

1:30–4 p.m., FAMILY ORIENTATION
Orientation for family members takes place in the Arthur Zankel Music Center. Please be sure to attend.

4:15 p.m., NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION
After the Family Orientation, families should proceed directly to the Williamson Sports Center, while students line up separately for the ceremonial procession. Welcomes will be offered by Philip Glotzbach, president; Mary Lou Bates, dean of admissions and financial aid; the director of the First-Year Experience; and the president of the Student Government Association. The ceremony ends with the students reciting Skidmore’s Honor Code, signaling their official membership in the college community.

5:30–7 p.m., PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION
President Philip Glotzbach and Marie Glotzbach invite families to their home, Scribner House (791 North Broadway), for a light reception. Stop by to meet the Glotzbachs and some of the administrators who will be a part of your child’s Skidmore experience.

7 p.m., FAMILIES DEPART CAMPUS
Families say their goodbyes and head for home.

THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION CONTINUES
Events throughout the week include discussions centered on diversity, college life, and the summer reading.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: CLASSES BEGIN
NEW STUDENT ARRIVAL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 or SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

All students should report to their assigned residence halls. For your convenience, each residence hall has a designated drop-off zone. Please look for signs marked “Drop-off Zone for Move-in.” We ask all students to unload belongings in the drop-off zones and then relocate their vehicle to one of several designated parking areas around campus. Vehicles must not be left unattended in drop-off zones.

Please remember that Campus Safety will strictly enforce no-parking zones—including fire zones, sidewalks, walkways, and grassy areas. Please help Skidmore maintain the beauty of its campus by parking in designated areas only!

DIRECTIONS TO SKIDMORE

BY CAR: Saratoga Springs is most conveniently reached via the New York State Thruway (I-87 south of Albany) and the Adirondack Northway (I-87 north of Albany). Skidmore is approximately two miles from I-87 Exit 15.

From New York City and points south (including Albany airport): Take the New York State Thruway (I-87) north to Exit 24. From the toll plaza, take Exit 1N to the Adirondack Northway (I-87) and proceed north to Exit 15. From the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 50 south, continue straight to the fourth light and turn right onto East Avenue. Take a right at the first stop sign, onto North Broadway. The entrance to the College is 1/4 mile ahead, on your left.

From Boston and points east: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) west to Exit B1. Proceed on I-90 to Exit 1N and the Adirondack Northway (I-87) north. Please follow directions from New York City and points south to Skidmore’s campus.

From Buffalo and points west: Take the New York State Thruway (I-90) east to Exit 24. From the toll plaza, take Exit 1N to the Adirondack Northway (I-87) north. Please follow directions from New York City and points south to Skidmore’s campus.

From Montreal and points north: Take the Adirondack Northway (I-87) south to Exit 15. Keep right to merge onto Route 50 south, continue straight to the third light, and take a right onto East Avenue. Take a right at the first stop sign, onto North Broadway. The entrance to the College is 1/4 mile ahead, on your left.

BY TRAIN: Amtrak passengers arriving at the Saratoga Springs train station should make their own transportation arrangements to campus. Taxis are available outside the station.

BY AIR: The nearest airport is the Albany International Airport.
**Skidmore College Post Office**
Students who need to ship their belongings to campus early may do so beginning in mid-August. Please use this address format:

**Student Name 2023**  
Mailbox # __________, Skidmore College  
815 North Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-1632  

The campus post office is on the first floor of Case Center next to the Skidmore Shop. It is staffed daily and will be open on Thursday, August 29, for Pre-Orientation arrivals and on Sunday, September 1, for regular new-student arrivals. Packages can be picked up at the post office window.

**Banking and ATMs**
If your student wants to open a local checking or savings account in Saratoga Springs, you can find one by visiting www.saratoga.org.

There is an Adirondack Trust Company ATM on campus, located on the second floor of Case Center. Students may also join the SEFCU credit union for a fee of $1. The credit union’s campus office, behind the dining hall next to Jonsson Tower, is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information visit sefcu.com.

**Local Transportation**
Skidmore offers Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) bus service to downtown Saratoga Springs and the Wilton Mall at no cost to students. Check out the schedule and bus routes at cdt.org/uploads/route_473.pdf.

**Transportation Beyond Saratoga**
Saratoga Springs is serviced by Greyhound bus lines (greyhound.com) and Amtrak train service (amtrak.com). Schedule information for each can be found online.

The Albany International Airport (ALB) is located just 30 minutes south of campus.
Skidmore has a dynamic Parents Council made up of approximately 100 active families. Council members generally volunteer in the areas of fundraising, admissions, outreach, and career services. Parents Council staff members will be at the president’s reception during Orientation; please don’t hesitate to ask them about the Council.

For more information, please contact the Parent Programs Office at 518-580-5639 or visit skidmore.edu/parents/council.php.
## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019–20

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### HOLIDAYS: 2019–20

- **September 2** ........................................ Labor Day
- **September 29–October 1 (classes held)** ........................................ Rosh Hashanah
- **October 9** ................................................ Yom Kippur
- **November 27–December 1** ........................................ Thanksgiving
- **January 20** ........................................ Martin Luther King Day
- **April 8–16 (classes held)** ........................................ Passover
- **April 10 (classes held)** ........................................ Good Friday
- **April 12** ........................................ Easter
- **April 23** ........................................ Ramadan begins
Celebration Weekend, October 18–20

We highly recommend that you make plans now to attend Celebration Weekend, Skidmore’s annual fall gathering for families. It’s a chance for families to get a sense of what the Skidmore experience is like for their students. The weekend will be full of activities, including President Glotzbach’s state-of-the-college address, classes taught by Skidmore faculty, tours of campus and Saratoga Springs, opportunities to experience “D-Hall,” and much more!

For more information, visit:

skidmore.edu/celebrationweekend

or contact the Office of College events at 518-580-5630 or cevents@skidmore.edu.
Esta guía está disponible en línea en español en www.skidmore.edu/orientation

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