



New York State Summer Writers Institute Program Information 2023

Arrival and Check-in

Again, welcome to the New York State Summer Writers Institute at Skidmore College. Residential students may check-in Sunday, June 25 (Session 1) or July 9 (Session 2) from 3 – 6 PM at Case Center on the Skidmore College campus. At that time, you will receive a Skidmore I.D. card, room assignment and a final program schedule. Commuting students, who are attending the Institute but living off campus, are also required to check-in at the Case Center Registration Desk to receive a Skidmore I.D. card. This may be done any time after 2:30 pm on Sunday.

The first meal served to participants will be dinner Sunday evening. All students are invited to attend an opening night reception at 7:30 PM immediately following dinner. Departure information below.

Travel and Preparation

In making your travel arrangements there are a few things you may wish to consider. If you are traveling by air, the closest airport is [Albany International in Albany, New York](#), approximately a 40-minute ride from campus. There is a bus and train station in [Saratoga Springs](#), about a 10-minute drive from campus, that provides service to [Amtrak Trains](#) and [Greyhound Bus](#) lines.

Drivers should follow directions to [815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866](#) and, once on campus, signs to Case Center.

All students are required to be [fully vaccinated against COVID-19](#) before arriving on campus. For Skidmore students and guests this means one dose of the primary vaccination (in 1 or 2 parts) and one booster vaccination. The secondary booster is not required as of April 2023. This requirement may have changed since students first applied to the program, and enrolled participants will be e-mailed specific instructions to send updated vaccination cards if needed.

The deadline for **submitting workshop manuscript(s)** to be read and discussed in your workshop is **May 31**. The deadline to send a **manuscript for a private tutorial** is **June 2**. Enrolled students will receive specific instructions regarding submissions by email.

Please refer to our [Packing List](#) for suggested items to bring to campus.

Our [Summer Student and Guest Information](#) site has helpful details about campus life and resources.

The Institute

Classes begin Monday, June 26 and the final workshop schedule will be sent you shortly before your session begins.

All workshops (online and in-person) meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 4 PM (ET).

Faculty and students will utilize Skidmore's online Dropbox for accessing your fellow classmates' manuscripts for review and discussion. You will receive an email invitation to view your online workshop folder in June. Faculty may also assign additional writing exercises or recommend brief readings not written by students for classroom discussion. Students enrolled in a two-week workshop with two different instructors will have their manuscript reviewed by one instructor only (**not both**). Students are encouraged to review electronic copies of manuscript but, if necessary, free printing is available on campus in the [Lucy Scribner Library](#) and Lanzitt Writing Center (Rm. 302) on the 3rd floor of Palamountain Hall.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2 PM, panel discussions and craft sessions are conducted with writers-in-residence. The Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sessions are optional, but many students have commented that these sessions are among the most valuable aspects of the program. These sessions are open only to residential participants in the Institute.

Public readings by faculty and writers-in-residence are held Monday-Friday evenings at 8 PM. The schedule can be found on the [Accepted Students](#) website. Students will have the opportunity to read from their own work weekends during the program. More information on this and other optional social activities will be forthcoming.

A reminder your enrollment in the program affirms your agreement to abide by the [Skidmore Honor Code](#), our [No Smoking Policy](#) and all Academic and Residential Policies for [Students](#).

Students residing on campus will be living in the [Northwoods Village](#) apartments. Individual apartments have 3 or 4 bedrooms and each student will have a private bedroom, but share a bathroom and common spaces. Although there is a kitchen in the apartment, all students are required to purchase the dining hall meal plan. You may wish to pack optional kitchen items (such as a coffee maker or a kettle) if space allows. The apartments are air-conditioned and have wi-fi; other amenities are listed on the Northwoods Village website. Students are responsible for supplying their own linens (see the suggested Packing List).

While you are on campus we invite you to enjoy all our campus and community have to offer. Our [dining hall](#) has an award-winning culinary staff that offers a broad array of freshly made items, including ample vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and other special dietary options. Participants will also have access to the College's [library](#) and [recreational facilities](#), including swimming pool, weight and fitness rooms, track, [North Woods hiking trails](#), and the [Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery](#). The campus has many outdoor paths, benches, and plenty of green space for inspiration and reflection.

Saratoga Springs is renowned for its [mineral springs](#), [Saratoga Race Course](#), and other points of [historical interest](#). The city is home to the [Saratoga Performing Arts Center](#), [Caffé Lena](#), [Northshire Bookstore](#), [Lyrical Ballad Bookstore](#), and many shops, cafes and restaurants. The College is located just one mile north of the historic downtown. Discover more of what Saratoga Springs has to offer by visiting the [Saratoga Chamber of Commerce](#).

Departure

Check-out time is by 11 AM on the Saturday after your session ends, either July 8 or July 22. The last meal served will be breakfast that morning.