Financial Aid

Sarah Lawrence invests over $32 million in our students every year through a combination of merit scholarships, need-based grants, and student employment.
What We Offer

Merit Scholarships
We offer a limited number of merit-based scholarships to students who demonstrate an exceptional fit for Sarah Lawrence’s curriculum and community. Every student who applies to the College is automatically considered for these scholarships.

Need-Based Grants
The majority of our financial aid is awarded in the form of need-based grants. Eligibility is determined by a family’s demonstrated financial need. Grants do not need to be repaid.

Student Employment
More than 60 percent of the student body work part-time on campus. These jobs also help students develop résumé-building work experience and interpersonal skills.

International Applicants
We offer a combination of merit and need-based scholarships to non-US citizens. Applicants must complete our online form and submit 2017 translated tax returns/statements of income and bank statements by the stated deadlines. There is no financial aid available after admission decisions are made.

Transfer Applicants
Institutional aid opportunities are the same as those for first-year applicants. Transfer students are eligible for need-based grants and merit scholarships. Our average financial aid package is more than $38,000.

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Additional Resources

Federal Grants
The federal government offers Pell Grants and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) to students who meet the eligibility criteria established by the Department of Education.

Federal Direct Loan Program
Sarah Lawrence awards two types of federally administered student loans: subsidized and unsubsidized. Sarah Lawrence students graduate with an average federal student loan debt of less than $19,000.

Net Price Calculator
This online tool will help provide an estimate of the financial aid funds you may be eligible to receive. You’ll find Sarah Lawrence’s Net Price Calculator at sarahlawrence.edu/npc.

Sarah Lawrence College Financial Aid Application Requirements and Deadlines

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
   - US citizens and permanent residents must complete this online application to determine eligibility for federal aid.
   - Families are encouraged to use the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) if eligible.
   - Sarah Lawrence’s FAFSA Code is 002813. Find the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov.

2. 2017 Financial Documents
   - Please submit 2017 federal tax returns, including business returns and W-2s, to the Office of Financial Aid.
   - Families who did not file 2017 taxes with the IRS will be provided with a non-tax filer form.
   - For students whose parents are separated or divorced, both parents are required to submit 2017 financial documentation.

*Submit all documentation via our secure financial aid application portal. Submissions made after the deadlines may reduce your eligibility for institutional aid.