OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS
2016 SUMMER HOUSING AGREEMENT

The student agrees to cooperate with Summer Housing staff members, to participate actively in fire drills and other emergency procedures.

ELIGIBILITY
Summer Housing Residents are required to be enrolled in Skidmore College Summer Session Classes; participating in a Faculty/Student Research Program; employed on campus or enrolled in a Skidmore sponsored internship or independent study. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from summer housing.

INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Students are required to check in at Case Desk upon arrival. Students are required to check out.

The student’s room will be inspected for damage before the student moves in and after the student moves out. The student will be billed for any damages incurred while the student was in residence.

Responsibility for damage to an individual room/apartment is assumed by the resident(s) of that room/apartment. Each student agrees to pay a proportionate share of the total cost to repair the damage. Repair of damage to common areas is shared equally by residents unless the person(s) responsible can be identified and charged accordingly. No Exceptions will be made to this rule.

Residents are under continuous obligation to be considerate of other students. Quiet hours throughout the residence halls/apartments are from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Inconsiderate behavior, excessive noise or other violations are subject to review. Conduct which endangers the safety of property or health and safety of others is not permitted and will not be tolerated.

The College affirms the right of the student to privacy, but the College has a legal right and obligation to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents and their property and to prevent the use of the College buildings for illegal purposes. Therefore, the College reserves the right to enter student rooms without notice and unaccompanied by the student.

Guests are limited to a stay of three nights, PROVIDING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS ARE NOT INFRINGED UPON.

The propping of residence hall outside entrances is prohibited.

All students residing in the residence halls must participate in a board plan. Food preparation is permitted in residence hall kitchenettes only. The cooking of food and the use of electrical appliances (i.e., toaster ovens, heating coils, microwave ovens, George Forman grills, etc.) are prohibited in student rooms. Students may have refrigerators in their rooms only when the refrigerator is U.L. approved and its capacity does not exceed three (3) cubic feet. College furniture must remain inside apartment/room and may not be moved outside.

Students who live in apartments do not need to be on the board plan though they may. Food preparation should be confined to the apartment kitchen. Students are responsible for maintaining the apartment’s cleanliness and condition of College furniture and ensuring that the refrigerator, stove, and similar equipment are kept in a clean and safe condition. If an apartment is found to be unsafe and/or unsanitary, the College will charge students for the cost of repair and/or replacement. College furniture must remain inside apartment/room and may not be moved outside.

The Summer Housing agreement may not be transferred or assigned to another person. Space may not be sold, loaned, or sublet. The student does not have the right to use his/her room for any commercial purpose or profit whatsoever. Sales and solicitations in the residence halls/apartments or on campus are strictly prohibited.

Waterbeds are not allowed in the apartments or residence halls.

It is the responsibility of all residents to assist the College in the conservation of energy (i.e., to lower thermostat settings prior to leaving the apartment, to turn off lights when not needed; to keep windows closed while heat or air conditioned units are operating), also to participate in recycling of trash.

The student contracts only for residential space, not a specific room. Consequently, the College reserves the right to use unoccupied spaces in a room or to relocate students should the need arise. No guarantee is made concerning the number of occupants in a room. Standard occupancy levels will not be exceeded unless emergency conditions prevail. If a vacancy occurs in a room, the remaining student(s) in that room agree(s) to accept a new occupant to fill the existing vacancy.

Skidmore College is not liable for loss of money or valuables by a person or the loss or damage to any resident’s property or guest’s property. Residents are urged to review his/her personal homeowner’s policy to make sure his/her personal belongings are covered. The College is not responsible for storage of personal items. The College is not responsible for any personal items left in a room or apartment after the scheduled departure date. A fee will be charged to the student’s account for removal of items left behind.

Self-balancing scooters (also known as hoverboards), battery-operated scooters, and hands-free Segways are banned from campus.

Motorized vehicles, other than wheelchairs, are not permitted in the residence halls. Bicycles must be kept in rooms designated for that purpose or in the student’s room.

The ceilings in some of the residence halls contain a low percentage of chrysotile asbestos. The asbestos is sealed and does not pose a danger. However, do not disturb the ceilings in any way. Students may not attach any items to the ceiling (i.e., stickers, nails, hooks, bottle caps, tapes, etc.)

Pets are not allowed in the residence halls or apartments. Students found in violation of this policy will be charged a cleaning fee and the pet will be removed from the residence hall or apartment.

The possession or use of weapons (including but not limited to: firearms, slingshots, throwing stars, illegal knives, B.B. guns, etc.) is not permitted in residence halls and apartments.

FIRE SAFETY POLICIES

It is mandatory that all residents attend the Fire Safety Meeting. Students are responsible for following all fire safety codes and must cooperate in removing any violations in a timely manner.

Fire alarm systems and fire fighting equipment are in the residence halls and apartments for the occupants’ protection. Any tampering with or misuse of this equipment is prohibited and is in violation of the law.

Firecrackers, gasoline, candles, incense, or other highly combustible items are not permitted in residence halls or apartments.
In instances where electrical outlets are required in addition to those fixed structural outlets within the space, the following definition of an extension cord is acceptable to the College: the extension cord must be a device recognized by a nationally recognized independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and be generically referred to as a “temporary power tap.” This tap should have no more than six outlets, no less than a 14 gauge supply cord and contain an independent circuit breaker of no greater capacity than 15 amps.

The use of halogen lamps is strictly prohibited in residence halls and apartments.

Partitions, room dividers, lofts, and the painting of rooms are prohibited. Under no circumstances should furniture restrict free and easy movement within the room and/or apartment.

The College may require personal furniture or furnishings to be removed from any residence when the College determines the situation to be a fire, safety, health, or housekeeping hazard. Ceiling fans and window air conditioner units are prohibited.

All Residence Halls and apartments are subject to periodic Fire Inspections. Student violations of Fire Safety codes may result in a monetary fine levied by the State of New York’s Department of State, Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

SMOKING, DRUGS & ALCOHOL
Smoking is prohibited in the residence halls and apartments, classrooms, rest rooms, hallways, office areas and all other indoor areas. Smoking is prohibited within designated smoke-free areas on the central portion of campus and sports facilities.

No person under the age of 21 shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverages on campus. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed by anyone, regardless of legal age, in any common or public areas in the residence halls.

Inappropriate behavior resulting from excessive consumption of alcohol or use of a controlled substance will not be tolerated.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all areas of the residence halls with the exception of the Apartment Complexes (provided that the use is in accord with the laws of New York State, ordinances of the City of Saratoga Springs, i.e. open containers).

Illegal or dangerous drugs as defined in the penal laws of the State of New York may not be used or possessed on Skidmore College properties. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the apartments only provided that the use is in accord with the laws of New York State, ordinances of the City of Saratoga Springs (i.e., open containers), student code of conduct policies, and the rules and regulations of Skidmore College. Possession or use of paraphernalia associated with the misuse of alcohol and drugs (including, but not limited to: kegs, funnels, bongs, hookahs, glass pipes, etc.) are also prohibited and will be confiscated.

HOUSING REGULATIONS
By signing the 2016 Summer Housing Agreement this resident signifies acceptance of the condition, rules, regulations and procedures stipulated by the College in this contract, the 2015-2016 Student Handbook, Residence Life Student Conduct (available on the Office of Residence Life Website) and all Skidmore publications pertaining to the governance of the Residence Halls and Apartment Complexes. Any student who commits any violations during the summer will be subject to disciplinary action and immediate removal from apartment or residence hall.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT BY COLLEGE
The College reserves the right to terminate the 2016 Summer Housing Agreement without refund if a resident’s behavior, as determined by the College, is detrimental to the welfare of the apartment community.

PAYMENT/BILLING
Skidmore students’ summer housing fees will automatically be applied to their Skidmore Student Account. Visiting students & Skidmore College Graduates will be charged the full amount of their contract once summer housing has been confirmed and must be paid prior to check in.

Housing and meal plan charges will be based on the number of weeks on campus. Weeks begin on Sunday and end on Saturday. Students wishing to move in earlier than Sunday will be charged for that full week of Summer Housing and Meals. Similarly, students wishing to move out after Saturday will also be charged for a full week of Summer Housing and Meals. Weekly charges will not be pro-rated by day. No Exceptions.

Additional cleaning and damage charges may be assessed and applied to the Student Account at a later date.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Students wishing to cancel their housing must request a cancellation by May 22 for Session 1 & 3 arrival, or by June 26th for Session 2 arrival. Cancellations received after the specified dates may be subject to a cancellation fee of $250 applied to your Skidmore Student Account.

Students may cancel/change (APARTMENTS ONLY) or change (DORM ONLY) their meal plan within 10 DAYS of their arrival date only. Meal plan changes and cancellations will take effect the following Sunday.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES BY ANY STUDENT AT ANY TIME MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.