

**STRATTON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL**  
**SUMMARY OF STUDENT EXPENSES 2019-2020**

Tuition pays only a portion of the full cost of the programs at SMS. Other costs have been outlined below. Since our business office is small, we prefer to limit monthly billing to tuition, fees, academic charges, and transportation charges. Student athletes must be prepared to pay other costs directly, by cash, check or credit card.

**Athletic Equipment:** Our alpine equipment manager(s) makes arrangements with various ski and equipment manufacturers enabling student athletes to make purchases at a considerable discount. Student athletes must pay for equipment at the time the order is placed. Payment is made directly to the manufacturer. Equipment is typically ordered in the summer months or in early September. *Nordic, snowboard, freestyle and freeskiing student athletes should contact their respective coaches for equipment information.*

**Book and Academic Materials:** Total cost for the year is generally \$400-\$600. Additional books and materials provided throughout the year are billed to student accounts. *Charges for winter term student athletes will depend on whether they integrate into SMS courses or if they receive tutorial support in their home school's curriculum.*

**College Application Fees:** Fees vary. Student athletes must pay fees directly to the college.

**Competition Trips:** Student athletes must pay for all trip-related expenses including coaches on a shared basis (equally divided amongst the athletes travelling). Coaches generally make travel arrangements through a travel agent. Student athletes must pay for their airline tickets directly by credit card. **Each athlete will have an installment plan which is based on his or her level of competition. Payments must be paid in full prior to departure.** *The total yearly cost is generally \$1000-\$4000 (contact your child's coaches for an estimate on competition expenses for your child).*

**Comprehensive Fee:** The comprehensive fee is mandatory and cannot be adjusted. This fee is billed on the July tuition statement.

FULL TERM STUDENT ATHLETES – The Comprehensive Fee is for services including, but not limited to, orientation activities, field trips, weekend activities, use of SMS email, wireless internet access and use of laundry facilities. This fee is \$975 for boarding students and \$475 for day students.

WINTER TERM STUDENT ATHLETES –The Comprehensive Fee is for services including, but not limited to, orientation activities, field trips, weekend activities, use of SMS email, wireless internet access and use of laundry facilities. This fee is \$475 for winter term boarding students and \$275 for winter term day students.

**Driver Education:** SMS does not provide Driver Education courses but Driver Education may be available on weekends through a private instructor in the fall and/or spring for an additional fee. Student athletes must pay the fee directly to the instructor prior to the start of classes.

**English Language Support (ELS):** The ELS class is for foreign student athletes whose primary language is not English. The fee is billed to student accounts prior to each quarter of study.

**Lab Fee:** Science and Art courses require a laboratory fee of up to \$100.

**Memberships and Licensing:** USSA (alpine, freestyle, freeskiing, nordic, snowboarding), USASA (freeskiing, snowboarding) and VARA (alpine) memberships and licensing fees are required. Fees must be paid directly to the various associations.

**Other:** Student athletes must pay for miscellaneous expenses such as shipping charges, prescriptions, postage, snacks, and entertainment.

Parents' Association Fee: The Parents' Association fee of \$75 will be billed on your July tuition statement. This fee is a contribution that helps cover the cost of activities that benefit both the student and parent communities. This fee is paid directly to Stratton Mountain School and credited to the Parents' Association.

Race/Competition Entry Fees: Student athletes are responsible for completing vouchers and must pay entry fees directly to race organizers.

Repairs, Room Cleaning and Room Keys: Student athletes responsible for damage must pay the cost to repair the damage. If we cannot determine who is responsible, the cost will be divided amongst all student athletes. Costs will be billed to student accounts. At the end of the term, dorm rooms should be left clean and in good repair. If rooms are not left clean, the cost of cleaning at the rate of \$25 per hour will be billed to student accounts. The cost to replace a lost room key is \$50 and is billed to student accounts.

Room Damage Deposit: Boarding students are charged a \$100 deposit. Day students are charged a \$50 deposit for the day student room. Deposits are refundable provided there is no damage beyond normal wear and tear. Refunds are credited to students' accounts when the student athlete graduates or does not return to SMS. Deposits are billed to student accounts and are due with the 1st tuition payment.

Standardized Testing: Cost for the SAT must be paid directly by student athletes. Costs for the PSAT and NEDT are billed to student accounts.

Season's Passes: SMS will provide information about the cost and how to obtain the passes. Student athletes will occasionally have to purchase lift tickets at other ski areas.

Town Tuition for Vermont Residents: Parents must complete the SMS Town Tuition Form and obtain written confirmation that their town will be paying tuition for their child(ren). Once this required documentation is received by the business office, SMS will bill the town. Towns pay SMS either quarterly or semi-annually. SMS will credit student accounts based on the payment schedule chosen on the student Enrollment Contract.

Trail Fees: X-C skiers are asked to pay approximately \$125 for the season at Stratton Mountain. Student athletes will occasionally have to pay for trail fees at other ski areas.

Training Camps: On-snow training camps are generally offered in the summer and fall. Coaches make travel arrangements through a travel agent. Student athletes must pay for airline tickets directly by credit card. Cost, not including airfare, is generally \$2,500-\$3,000. **Payments must be paid in full prior to departure.**

Transportation: Transportation provided through SMS for non-school related events such as rides to doctor's appointments, bus/train stations and airports is charged at \$.50 per mile plus the driver's costs and billed to student accounts.

Tuition Refund Plan (TRP): Participation is mandatory unless tuition is paid in full by the first tuition due date (PLAN A on the enrollment contract). Notwithstanding the above requirement, TRP is available to all families. Cost is 3% of the tuition less financial aid. The TRP fee is billed to student accounts and is due with the 1st tuition payment. A TRP information sheet is mailed with Enrollment Contracts and may also be obtained from the admissions office.