

**STRATTON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
TUITION REFUND PLAN
2019-2020**

Educational costs are a substantial investment. A Tuition Refund Plan (TRP) can help safeguard this investment. A TRP is designed to protect both the parent(s) and Stratton Mountain School (SMS) from the unfortunate financial consequences of unexpected student withdrawals. SMS expenses are incurred on an annual basis. Therefore SMS cannot refund fees paid or cancel unpaid obligations. Subject to terms, conditions and limitations, the TRP will pay benefits of either 60% or 100% of the prorated net tuition for days absent in the event of a student's permanent separation from SMS during the academic year. Benefits are first used to meet a student's financial obligations to SMS not including student loans. Any remaining benefits will be refunded to the parent(s).

1. **Cost:** 3% of net tuition. It is billed to student accounts and is due with the 1st tuition payment.

2. **Definitions:**

Parent(s)- The legal guardian or guardians who signed the SMS Enrollment Contract for a student and are financially responsible for that student.

Tuition- Tuition includes room and board, as well as coaching fees. For day students, tuition includes coaching fees and meals.

Net Tuition- Tuition less the deposit paid and any financial aid granted. The town voucher is not considered when determining net tuition.

Days Absent- Calendar days remaining in the academic year after which the student has permanently separated. If the student is permanently separated during a vacation, weekend or holiday period, the days absent will start with the day classes resume following that period.

Academic Year- the total number of consecutive calendar days including weekends, holidays and vacations of the student's SMS school year. The school year starts with the day of arrival and ends with the last day of scheduled classes. For non-full term students who attend a fall training camp, the student's school year starts with the date of departure for the camp.

Permanent Separation- Complete severance of a student from classes and from school for the remainder of the academic year.

3. **60% Benefit:** The minimum student attendance for this benefit is 30 consecutive days. A 60% benefit is paid for permanent separation due to:

- A. **Medical Withdrawal-** Upon receipt and acceptance by SMS of a written certification by a qualified and licensed medical practitioner that a student has been disabled due to medical/psychological reasons to the extent that the **student is incapable of participating fully in the Stratton Mountain School program**. SMS reserves the right to have any physician of its choice, at its own expense, examine a student in the event that a claim for a benefit has been made for that student. In the event of failure or refusal of that student to submit to such an exam, SMS shall have no obligation to pay any benefit under TRP.

Exclusions:

1. Expulsion due to a disciplinary action.
2. Voluntary withdrawal for non-medical reasons.
3. Due to use of any drug, narcotic or agent which is similarly classed or has similar effects unless given by and while under care and attendance of a legally qualified medical practitioner.
4. Intentionally self-inflicted disability.

Calculated as follows: $\frac{60\% \text{ of (Days Absent x net Tuition)}}{\text{Divided by Academic Year (Days)}}$

4. **100% Benefit:** No Minimum attendance is required for this benefit. A 100% benefit is paid for permanent separation due to:
 - A. Closure of School
 - B. Death of Student
 - C. Major Medical Withdrawal- Upon receipt and acceptance by SMS of a written certification by a qualified and licensed medical practitioner that a student has been disabled due to medical/psychological reasons to the extent that the **student is incapable of being enrolled in any school for the balance of the academic year.** The student must regularly receive treatment by a legally qualified practitioner through the remainder of the academic year. SMS reserves the right to have any physician of its choice at its own expense examine a student in the event that a claim for a benefit has been made for that student. In the event of failure or refusal of that student to submit to such an exam, SMS shall have no obligation to pay any benefit under TRP.

Exclusions:

1. Due to use of any drug, narcotic or agent which is similarly classed or has similar effects unless given by and while under care and attendance of a legally qualified medical practitioner.
2. Intentionally self-inflicted disability.

Calculated as follows: $\frac{100\% \text{ of (Days Absent x Net Tuition)}}{\text{Divided by Academic Year (Days)}}$

5. **Claims:** Claim forms with instructions are available from the SMS business office. Claims must be made within 30 days of the date of separation. Processing benefits may take 4 to 6 weeks.