

New Eph Update: First-Year Essentials

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ALL ABOUT MONEY

This week we want to give you an overview of Student Financial Services (SFS) and how they can help you manage paying for Williams. Whether you are receiving financial aid, paying your bill with a college savings account or parent income, and/or planning to borrow a student/parent loan, SFS can help you navigate all things money!

Watch Twink Williams Burns' video above, sign up for EphPay, review the [website](#) for billing dates and payment policies, and check out this monthly [timeline](#) to make sure you are on track for your arrival in August!

Questions? They are always happy to answer them at sfs@williams.edu or you can reach out directly to your [SFS advisor](#).

[Refund Policy and Tuition Insurance](#)

[Financing Through Loans](#)

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT POINTS

Optional Payment Plan

Williams has an optional payment plan for each semester that allows families to divide their required payment into 4 or 5 installments. Plan details can be found [here](#).

Who can see your account?

Students can allow others to view their account by setting them up as authorized users. This allows those users to speak with SFS staff and make payments on behalf of their students. Check out the instructions [here](#).

Sign up for Direct Deposit

Whether you plan to get a job on campus, study away, or get your personal expense grant, you will need to [sign up for direct deposit](#) so that Williams can give you money.

Report your Outside Scholarship/Tuition Benefit

If you were awarded financial aid from outside Williams, you'll need to report it to make sure SFS gets the funds to you ASAP. [Follow these instructions](#).

GALLAGHER INSURANCE

Students! You NEED Health Insurance! TOMORROW, June 7, you will be receiving a personalized email from Gallagher Insurance, Williams College's approved student health insurance partner. We encourage you to discuss your health insurance decisions with your family or guardian. All new Williams students are required to either waive or sign up by August 1.

EPHVENTURES!!!



EphVentures is a uniquely Williams program that begins the day after you arrive on campus and lasts about 3 days. At the heart of your First Days (orientation) experience you will participate in one of several EphVenture options that will be one of your earliest connections to community. Depending on which EphVenture program you select, you can focus on developing your leadership skills, knowledge of the Berkshires, awareness of arts and culture in the region, and understanding of the connections between environmental sustainability, identity, and social justice. Experience the opportunity to build lasting friendships and gain an appreciation for the campus community through this shared experience.

Please note that Team Eph is for fall athletes only. Non-fall athletes and non-athletes must select from Leading Minds, Exploring the Arts, Where Am I?, WOOLF, or ROOT.

See the links below for a more thorough explanation of each different EphVenture program and to sign up for your preferred choice. Some programs fill to capacity early so please sign up ASAP!

To access Student Records Account and to Register for EphVentures, click [here](#).

For information about each EphVentures program, click [here](#).

For Religious Observance Info during EphVentures, click [here](#).

SNEAK PEAK: Next Week's Edition

Completing your Student Record/Personal Information, setting up your Student ID, What the Heck is a WQLRA?!, and upcoming Placement Exams!

FIRST-YEAR LANDING PAD

MEET THE DEAN OF STUDENTS TEAM

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU NEED HELP WITH!

PAST EDITIONS

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