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, planning to borrow a student/parent loan, and/or looking for tuition insurance, 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!

Questions? Reach out directly to your SFS advisor or email the office at sfs@williams.edu.
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! Massachusetts requires that you have adequate health insurance. You will be receiving a personalized email from Gallagher Insurance, Williams College's approved student health insurance partner Thursday, June 6. We encourage you to discuss your health insurance decisions with your family. All Williams students have the option to waive the insurance by August 1. If you do not waive the insurance by then, you will be auto enrolled. If you are receiving financial aid and do not have comparable health coverage, your grants will include the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). Please note that Williams does not cover the optional dental rider.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AT WILLIAMS!
Even though Williams offers an all-grant financial aid program, student jobs on campus are still available for you. Working on campus while attending Williams is not a requirement, but many students opt to work for various reasons. Campus jobs can enhance your academic experience, help develop work habits and skills, and build your resume. Not to mention, a campus job can put a little cash in your pocket! Check out the Student Employment website to learn more.

Please note: our website is being updated regularly as we prepare to launch Workday on June 16!

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ACCESS YOUR STUDENT RECORDS & FIRST-YEAR FORMS

The Student Records system is where you will find your Williams ID number (ex. W1234567) and is the platform which will be used the most during your time at Williams.

The first task in this portal is to go to the First Days Information tile on your homepage and complete the First Year Forms. This is where you will register for an EphVenture program and complete additional onboarding forms.

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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 these fall teams 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!

For information about each EphVentures program, click here.
For Religious Observance Info during EphVentures, click here.

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SNEAK PEAK: Next Week's Edition

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