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REGISTRATION NO. 333-_____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-----
FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933SLM HOLDING CORPORATION
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)
11600 SALLIE MAE DRIVE52-2013874
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)RESTON, VA
(Address of Principal Executive
Office)20193
(Zip Code)SLM HOLDING CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION PLAN
SLM HOLDING CORPORATION DIRECTORS STOCK PLAN
(Full Titles of the Plans)MARIANNE M. KELER
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11600 SALLIE MAE DRIVE
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED	AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED(1)	PROPOSED MAXIMUM PER UNIT OFFERING PRICE(2)	PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE	AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION FEE
Common Stock, par value \$0.20 per share	11,132,800	\$38.8125	\$432,091,800.00	\$127,467.08

(1) Takes into account a 7 for 2 stock split, effective as of January 2, 1998. Pursuant to Rule 416(a), also covers additional securities that may be offered as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) Pursuant to Rule 457(c), the price of the Common Stock is based on the average of the high and low prices for the Common Stock of \$38.8125, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on January 12, 1998.

PART I

ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION.

Not filed as part of this Registration Statement pursuant to Note to Part I of Form S-8.

ITEM 2. REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION.

Not filed as part of this Registration Statement pursuant to Note to Part I of Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents of the Registrant heretofore filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") are hereby incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference:

- (1) the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-21217) as filed with the Commission on July 25, 1997, as amended, which includes the balance sheet of the Registrant dated February 3, 1997 and the consolidated financial statements of the Student Loan Marketing Association for the year ended December 31, 1996;
- (2) the Registrant's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q: (i) for the quarter ended March 31, 1997, filed on May 27, 1997; (ii) for the quarter ended June 30, 1997, filed on August 6, 1997; and (iii) for the quarter ended September 30, 1997, filed on November 14, 1997; and
- (3) the description of the Common Stock set forth under the caption "Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered" in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated August 7, 1997, together with any amendment or report filed with the Commission for the purpose of updating such description.

All reports and other documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a) and (c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereunder have been sold or which deregisters all such securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such reports and documents.

Any document, and any statement contained in a document, incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any other subsequently filed document that also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such document or statement. Any such document or statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement. Subject to the foregoing, all information appearing in this Registration Statement is qualified in its entirety by the information appearing in the documents incorporated by reference.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Article VIII of the Registrant's By-Laws provides for indemnification of the officers and directors of SLM Holding Corporation to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides, in relevant part, that a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware shall have the power, and in certain cases the obligation, to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any suit or proceeding because such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving, at the request of the corporation, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, against all costs actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, he had no reason to believe his conduct was unlawful. Similar indemnity is permitted to be provided to such persons in connection with an action or suit by or in right of the corporation, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and provided further (unless a court of competent jurisdiction otherwise determines) that such person shall not have been adjudged liable to the corporation.

The directors and officers of the Registrant and its subsidiaries will be covered by a policy of insurance under which they will be insured, within the limits and subject to certain limitations, against certain expenses in connection with the defense of actions, suits or proceedings, and certain liabilities that might be imposed as a result of such actions, suits or proceedings in which they are parties by reason of being or having been directors or officers.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT NUMBER -----	DESCRIPTION -----
5	Opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.
23.1(a)	Consent of Independent Auditors (Ernst & Young LLP)
23.2	Consent of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (included in Exhibit 5).

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Reston, Commonwealth of Virginia, on this 16th day of January, 1998.

SLM HOLDING CORPORATION

By: /s/ Albert L. Lord

 Albert L. Lord
 Chief Executive Officer

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Marianne M. Keler and Ronald O. Mueller, and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in their capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE -----	TITLE -----	DATE -----
/s/ Albert L. Lord ----- ALBERT L. LORD	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	January 16, 1998
/s/ Mark G. Overend ----- MARK G. OVEREND	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	January 16, 1998
/s/ Edward A. Fox ----- EDWARD A. FOX	Chairman of the Board of Directors	January 16, 1998
/s/ James E. Brandon ----- JAMES E. BRANDON	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Charles L. Daley ----- CHARLES L. DALEY	Director	January 16, 1998

/s/ Thomas J. Fitzpatrick ----- THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Diane S. Gilleland ----- DIANE S. GILLELAND	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Ann Torre Grant ----- ANN TORRE GRANT	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Ronald F. Hunt ----- RONALD F. HUNT	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Benjamin J. Lambert III ----- BENJAMIN J. LAMBERT III	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Marie V. McDemmond ----- MARIE V. MCDEMMOND	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Barry A. Munitz ----- BARRY A. MUNITZ	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ A. Alexander Porter ----- A. ALEXANDER PORTER	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Wolfgang Schoellkopf ----- WOLFGANG SCHOELLKOPF	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Steven L. Shapiro ----- STEVEN L. SHAPIRO	Director	January 16, 1998
/s/ Randolph H. Waterfield ----- RANDOLPH H. WATERFIELD	Director	January 16, 1998

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January 16, 1998

SLM Holding Corporation
11600 Sallie Mae Drive
Reston, VA 20193

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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to an aggregate of 11,132,800 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.20 per share, of SLM Holding Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), which are the subject of a registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), which shares (the "Shares") may be offered and sold under the SLM Holding Corporation Employee Stock Option Plan and the SLM Holding Corporation Directors Stock Plan (together, the "Plans"), respectively.

We have examined the original, or a photostatic or certified copy, of such records of the Company, certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials and such other documents as we have determined relevant and necessary as the basis for the opinion set forth below. In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copies.

Based upon our examination mentioned above, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been validly authorized for issuance and, when issued and sold in accordance with the terms set forth in the Registration Statement and the Plans, and, when (a) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Act, (b) the pertinent provisions of any applicable state securities law have been complied with, (c) in the case of the SLM Holding Corporation Directors Stock Plan, such Plan has been approved by the Company's stockholders, and (d) in the case of options issued under the Plans, the Shares have been paid for, the Shares so issued will be legally issued and will be fully paid and nonassessable.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an Exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm appearing on the cover of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 pertaining to the SLM Holding Corporation Employee Stock Option Plan and the SLM Holding Corporation Directors Stock Plan of our report dated February 3, 1997, with respect to the balance sheet as of February 3, 1997 of SLM Holding Corporation and our report dated January 13, 1997 (except as to the third and fourth paragraphs of Note 2, as to which the date is April 7, 1997), with respect to the consolidated financial statements of the Student Loan Marketing Association for the year ended December 31, 1996 included in the Registration Statement (Form S-4 No. 333-21217) and related Proxy Statement/Prospectus, as amended, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Washington, D.C.
January 16, 1998