

6 Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

1. Apply for an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA (if you already have an FSA ID, you can skip this step)

- a. This must be done for the student and each [FAFSA contributor](#) (ex. Parent, step-parent, spouse, etc.)
 - Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
 - Enter your personal information
 - Create your Username and Password (FSA ID)

2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Go to www.fafsa.gov
- Be sure to include the JSCC school code - 004937, so that we will get the results of your FAFSA

3. Submit all documents requested by the Financial Aid Services Office

- Submit all forms that have been REQUESTED by the Financial Aid Office.
- Some students are selected for a process called *Verification*. Verification forms and other Financial Aid forms are available at: <https://www.jsc.edu/financial-aid/forms-and-applications/index.html>
- Once you send us these forms, it is possible that additional documents may be required. If this happens, we will send you an additional letter via email with a list of new items.
- You can check the status of your financial aid application at any time by logging into your JSCC portal. Instructions can be found here: <https://www.jsc.edu/financial-aid/how-to-check-status-111521.pdf>.
- Failure to submit requested information in a timely manner may delay receipt of your award, and may also prevent you from being considered for some types of Financial Aid.

4. Apply for Admissions as a degree-seeking student

- Check to make sure that your major is considered degree-seeking for Financial Aid purposes.

5. Review your Financial Aid Award Notice

- Once you have completed and submitted all the required documents, the Financial Aid Office will determine what types of aid you can receive and how much you can get.
- You will receive an award letter by email.
- Awards can also be viewed by logging into your JSCC portal. Instructions can be found here: <https://www.jsc.edu/financial-aid/how-to-check-status-111521.pdf>.
- Initial award amounts are usually based on full-time enrollment. If you do not enroll as a full-time student, your award may be adjusted.

6. Reapply EACH year

- A new FAFSA must be completed after October 1st each year.
 - **For 2024-2025 only**, the FAFSA will be delayed until December 2023 due to changes from the [FAFSA Simplification Act](#).