

6 Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

1. Apply for a FSA ID Number to complete the FAFSA

- Go to www.fafsa.gov
- Enter your personal information
- Create your Username and Password (FSA ID)

2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Go to www.fafsa.gov
- Be sure to include the JSCC school code - 004937, so that we will get the results of your FAFSA
- If you need help completing the FAFSA, the following online tutorial is very helpful:
<http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/>

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: <http://www.jsc.edu/forms-and-applications.html>
- For instructions on *How to Provide Tax Return Information* go to the website listed above.
- 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 with a list of new items.
- You can check the status of your financial aid application at any time by logging into your JWeb.
- 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 Services Office will determine what types of aid you can receive and how much you can get.
- You will receive an award letter by mail.
- Awards can also be viewed by logging into your Jweb account.
- 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 January 1st each year.