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.jscc.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.