

Lottery Tidbits

1. September 1 is the priority renewal deadline to reapply for TELS funds each year. Reapplication is done through the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Verification may be required, in which case ALL requested documents must be submitted before TELS funds can be disbursed to the student account.
2. The amount of the TELS award will be based on the hours in which you are enrolled as of the census date (14th calendar day of classes). Your enrollment status and award amount will be certified at that time, unless there are required documents lacking from your financial aid file. However, it will be at least 14 – 18 business days, after certification, before your TELS funds are received by JSCC to be applied to your student account.
3. Grades will be checked each semester to ensure that students are maintaining Satisfactory Progress as defined in our policy. This policy is available at www.jsc.edu/financialaid/sp-policy.htm.
4. Student progress also will be verified at certain benchmark hours.
 - a. 24, 48 attempted hours – 2.75 TELS QPA
 - b. 72, 96 and 120 attempted hours – 3.0 TELS QPA or alternative criteria (at least 2.75 cumulative and 3.0 for term – may receive for another semester IF full time; these students will be monitored on a semester basis until benchmark TELS GPA of 3.0 cumulative has been reached)
5. The TELS QPA and JSCC QPA may differ. To determine your TELS QPA, access your lottery information on Web for Students or check with Jennifer Byrd in the Financial Aid Office.
6. Prior approval to drop or withdraw is required if a student wishes to continue receiving TELS funds. This approval can only be obtained through completing the “Change of Enrollment Status” form, which is available at <http://www.jsc.edu/financial-aid/getting-started/types-of-financial-aid/lottery.html>. Keep in mind that requests for prior approval and appeals for reinstatement of eligibility MUST be based on documented medical or extreme personal reasons and must be reviewed by the Institutional Review Panel (IRP).
7. In order to request a leave of absence, students must complete the “Request for Leave of Absence” form, which is available at <http://www.jsc.edu/financial-aid/getting-started/types-of-financial-aid/lottery.html>.
8. If there is a grade change or completion of an incomplete grade, the Financial Aid Office must be notified within 30 days using the “Request for Reinstatement” form, which is available at <http://www.jsc.edu/financial-aid/getting-started/types-of-financial-aid/lottery.html>.
9. As of July 1, 2005, there is now two new options for TELS students:
 - a. Repeat feature: This allows students to repeat one course and have the grade replace a prior grade for that course. This option may only be taken once and may be used while not receiving the TELS scholarship. To do this, please complete the “TELS Repeat” form, which is available at <http://www.jsc.edu/financial-aid/getting-started/types-of-financial-aid/lottery.html>.
 - b. Regain feature: Students who have lost their funding due to not maintaining the required TELS QPA may use this option to regain their scholarship. These students must have maintained continuous enrollment and have the required TELS QPA at their next benchmark (48, 72, 96 or 120 attempted hours). To use this option, complete the “TELS Regain” form, which is available at <http://www.jsc.edu/financial-aid/getting-started/types-of-financial-aid/lottery.html>. This option may only be used once.