

Jackson State University Undergraduate Admissions Frequently Asked Questions

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. What are the requirements for admission?

Visit <http://www.jsums.edu/admissions/requirements/>

2. I have applied and submitted all documents to complete my application. When will I hear from Jackson State University?

Normal processing time is 7-10 business days after all required documents are received in Undergraduate Admissions.

3. What is the contact information for Undergraduate Admissions?

The address is:

Jackson State University

Undergraduate Admissions

P.O. Box 17330

Jackson MS 39217

Phone Number: 601-979-0928

Fax Number: (601) 979-3445

4. I'm over 25. Do I still have to meet admission requirements?

Yes, we still need a high school diploma or GED transcript and ACT or SAT scores. You may enroll as a non-degree seeking student. To transition from non-degree to degree-seeking, a student is required to complete 12 semester hours with a C or better.

5. I did not complete high school but I have my GED, can I be admitted?

Yes, you may still qualify for admission. Please provide a copy of your GED transcript, an official copy of your high school transcript showing any coursework completed, and your ACT or SAT scores.

6. I have never taken the ACT, what can I do? You may take the Residual ACT at Jackson State University. The scores are official ACT scores, however, the scores may only be used at Jackson State University.

7. Who do I call if I need to take the Residual ACT or have questions about the ACT

Residual? Testing and Assessment, Charles F. Moore Building, Office # 323, 601-979-2484

8. What else can I do if I don't qualify for regular freshman admission?

Option I: If you are a high school senior and you apply prior to May 15th, you may be able to participate in an on campus screening process that includes an on-campus interview and taking the ACCUPLACER test. Based on your test scores you may 1) qualify for regular admission or 2) you may be admitted to the Summer Developmental Program. Upon successfully completing the Summer Developmental Program you may be admitted for the Fall Semester.

Option II: You may enroll at a regionally accredited community college or university and complete the 30 required transfer hours with a C or better. See <http://www.jsums.edu/admissions/requirements/transfer-students/> for a listing of the required courses.

- 9. Can I take the ACCUPLACER in another state and have the scores transferred**
No, but you may take the ACCUPLACER at another Mississippi four year public institution.
- 10. Can I substitute another test for the ACCUPLACER?**
No
- 11. I want to be part of the Life Long Learning program. Do I still have to qualify for admission?**
Yes.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 12. I completed my application online but I forgot my password.**
Please call Undergraduate Admissions at (601) 979-0928 for assistance.
- 13. I don't have access to a computer. How do I apply?**
You may call Undergraduate Admissions at (601) 979-0928 to receive an application via mail.
- 14. Is there an application fee?**
Jackson State University does not require an application fee.
- 15. Can you tell me what documents I'm missing? or What is the status of my application for admission?**
If you completed your application online, you can check your status at anytime by returning to your application via the "Apply" section of the website and logging in using the information that you created when you applied. Under processed applications you will see any documents that have not been received. If you did not complete an online application, please call Undergraduate Admissions at (601) 979-0928 for assistance.
- 16. Did my E-scrip arrive?**
You can check your application status online for receipt of your documents or contact an Admission Advisor at 601-979-0928?
- 17. Can I fax or email my transcripts?**
Official transcripts may not be faxed. It must come directly from the school in a sealed envelope or by electronic means such as E-Scripts or Parchment Services. Your high school counselor may also email a copy to transcripts@jsums.edu .

AFTER I AM ADMITTED

- 18. I am admitted. What are the next steps?**
Please visit <http://www.jsums.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/ChecklistAfterAcceptance2.pdf>
- 19. I have been accepted but haven't received a letter.**
Undergraduate Admissions sends correspondence regularly. Within minutes, you will receive an e-mail notification of a decision if you provided an e-mail address. Please allow 14 business days after a decision is rendered to receive official notification in the mail. If you have not received a letter after the allotted time, please contact Undergraduate Admissions at (601) 979-0928.

SCHOLARSHIPS

20. What ACT or SAT score do I need to receive an academic scholarship?

Please visit <http://www.jsums.edu/admissions/files/2009/03/HIGH-SCHOOL-ACADEMIC-SCHOLARSHIP-PROGRAM-Revised-1062015.pdf>

21. Although I have accepted a merit scholarship, if my GPA or ACT/SAT score increases after the deadline, am I eligible to change scholarships?

Yes, depending on fund availability.

22. I don't meet academic scholarship requirements, are there other options?

You may apply for development foundation scholarships by visiting https://jsums.academicworks.com/users/sign_in or you may contact your major department to inquire about additional scholarships

23. I didn't do well at my other schools. Can I "start over" as a freshman at JSU?

No. You are still required to provide ALL of your academic transcripts for admissions review and financial aid purposes.

24. If I receive a scholarship from an outside source (third party), where should the check be sent?

All checks should be mailed to the following and should include the student's name and J#:

Jackson State University
Financial Aid
PO Box 17065
Jackson, MS 39217

25. Can I receive more than one academic scholarships from the University? No, contact Undergraduate Admissions at 601-979-0930 for details.

26. Does Jackson State University offer scholarships to transfer students?

Yes, Contact Community College Relations at 601-979-1553.

27. Do I qualify for an out-of-state fee waiver?

Download the form from at <http://www.jsums.edu/admissions/files/2009/03/Out-of-State-Fee-Waiver.pdf> and return to Financial Aid, BF Roberts Hall, 1st floor.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

28. I owe money to my previous school. Can you omit that transcript?

No. ALL documents are required. Omission affects your overall attempted hours, admissions and financial aid eligibility.

29. I am lacking some of the required courses as a transfer student; is there something else that I can do? I do not want to go back to my last school.

If your GPA from the last college attended is 2.0 or above, you may submit your high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores to be evaluated per the high school admissions requirements.

30. Will all of my hours transfer?

Admissions will record all academic hours with a 2.0 (C) or better. Your academic department will decide what courses will be accepted into your major curriculum. You can also view our Transfer Course Equivalencies at https://paws.jsu.edu/prod/zwptrans.P_DisplayState

31. Why do you need all of my college transcripts? All of the information is on my last school transcript.

You must submit an official transcript from each school attended. The transcript is not official unless it is received directly from the college/university attended.