Financial Aid Checklist

It is important to follow the steps outlined below in order to be considered for federal financial aid and other financial assistance:

1. **Apply** for Admission to Jackson State University through Undergraduate Admissions if applying as an Undergraduate student and with Graduate Admissions if applying as a Graduate student.

2. **Apply** for your **FSA ID**—Before beginning the FAFSA process, you should apply for a FSA ID at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents. If you are providing parent information on the FAFSA, one of your parents must also sign your application. To sign electronically, your parent must apply for his or her own FSA ID also at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). **JSU School Code: 002410**

3. **Gather** the Information Required to Apply for **2023-2024 (Fall and Spring)**

   ✓ Your Driver’s License and Social Security Number
   ✓ Parent(s) Information (Name, Date of Birth, Social Security Number and Marital Status)
   ✓ W-2 Forms and other records of money earned in 2021 for both You and Your Parent(s)
   ✓ 2021 Income Tax Return, **completed** (Even if it has not been filed yet) for both You and Your Parent(s)
   ✓ Untaxed income records for 2021 for both You and Your Parent(s)
   ✓ Value of Bank Accounts, Business, Farm and Investments

**Note:** Beginning October 1, 2022, students and their families may complete the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) using their 2021 income and tax information. The 2023-2024 FAFSA will collect income information from one tax year earlier—called “prior-prior year”.

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4. **Gather** the Information Required to Apply for **2022-2023 (If Attending Summer 2023)**

   ✓ Your Driver’s License and Social Security number
   ✓ Parent(s) Information (Name, Date of Birth, Social Security Number and Marital Status)
   ✓ W-2 Forms and other records of money earned in 2020 for both You and Your Parent(s)
✓ 2020 Income Tax Return, completed (Even if it has not been filed yet) for both You and Your Parent(s)
✓ Untaxed income records for 2020 for both You and Your Parent(s)
✓ Value of Bank Accounts, Business, Farm and Investments

5. **Complete** Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). **Priority Deadline:** April 15th of each year.

6. **Submit** Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid. After you submit your application, make sure you receive a confirmation number. Keep the confirmation number for your record.

7. **Follow Up** on Your FAFSA – If you do not hear from your FAFSA within three weeks of filing, go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or call 1-800-433-3243 or 1-800-730-8913 (TTY) for the hearing impaired to check your status.

8. **Apply** for State Aid online at: [www.jhstate.ms.us/financialaid](http://www.jhstate.ms.us/financialaid) after January 1st of each year.

9. **Be aware** of the mandatory academic standards required to retain federal financial aid eligibility each year. (See Standards for Academic Progress on our Financial Aid Office website at: [http://www.jsums.edu/financialaid/financial-aid-forms](http://www.jsums.edu/financialaid/financial-aid-forms) or in the JSU catalog).

10. **Apply** for Additional Scholarships at: [https://jsums.academicworks.com/users/sign_in](https://jsums.academicworks.com/users/sign_in)

11. **Check** your JSU PAWS Account and Email Accounts (JSU and Personal) frequently for updates on your Financial Aid status.