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: studentaid.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: studentaid.gov . **JSU School Code: 002410**

3. **Gather** the Information Required to Apply for **2024-2025 (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 2022 for both You and Your Parent(s)
   ✔ 2022 Income Tax Return, completed (Even if it has not been filed yet) for both You and Your Parent(s)
   ✔ Untaxed income records for 2022 for both You and Your Parent(s)
   ✔ Value of Bank Accounts, Business, Farm and Investments

   Note: Beginning January 1, 2024, students and their families may complete the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at studentaid.gov using their 2022 income and tax information. The 2024-2025 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 **2023-2024 (If Attending Summer 2024)**

   ✔ 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, <u>completed</u> (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

5. **Complete** Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid at: studentaid.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 studentaid.gov 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.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid after January 1st of each year. Deadline is March 31st 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: SAP Policy and Forms or within the JSU catalog).

11. **Apply** for Additional Scholarships at: https://jsums.academicworks.com/users/sign_in

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