

# MONEY MATTERS

*The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships*



## *SUMMER FINANCIAL AID*

Students who enroll at least half-time (UG - 6 credits and GR - 5 credits) for summer 2021 in an approved program of study may qualify for summer financial aid.

To receive consideration, you must complete these two applications:

1. 2021-22 FAFSA
2. Summer Aid Application (available on our website)

We will use the information from these two forms to determine your eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loan funding during the summer.

If you anticipate receiving the Federal Pell Grant, you should complete the summer aid application regardless of enrollment level.

You can learn more by visiting our website and watching a video explaining the summer financial aid process.

<http://www.jmu.edu/financialaid/learn/summer-financial-aid.shtml>

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## VERIFICATION

What is Verification?

Verification is a process used by schools to ensure a student's FAFSA information is accurate. Certain documentation is submitted for our office to review along side the FAFSA. Students selected for this process cannot be awarded financial aid until Verification is complete.

Who is Selected?

Students may be selected due to the FAFSA information being incomplete, inconsistent, or being randomly selected by the Federal Government.

When and How?

Our office will contact students and parents through email if selected for Verification. Any documents needed should be submitted by mail, fax, or in person.

What if?

If you have questions or need to access the forms required of you, please visit our website at:

<http://www.jmu.edu/financialaid/verification.shtml>

## YOU CAN STILL SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA!

Even though the priority filing date has passed, you can still submit your 2021-22 FAFSA.

Go to [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) to complete your application.



## FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBLE HOURS

Federal regulations stipulate that you can only receive financial aid for classes that are required for you to graduate.

### CLASSES THAT COUNT

- GenEd requirements
- Major
- Minor
- Electives used to reach 120 credit hours

### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CLASS ISN'T AID ELIGIBLE?

- If you are aware of the non-eligible course(s) but your schedule won't be changing, let us know and we can adjust your budget and aid for the semester.
- Adjust your schedule to increase the number of FA eligible hours.
- Contact your advisor to see if the class is really needed.
- Contact your advisor and submit an appeal.

### where to look?



My Class Schedule has an "Eligible for Financial Aid" column

### WHAT TYPES OF AID DOES THIS AFFECT?

- Federal and State aid (including grants, loans and federal work study)
- University grant programs
- Private educational loans.

### DO I HAVE TO BE FULL-TIME TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID?

As long as a student is enrolled in at least 6 financial aid eligible credits, they are still eligible to receive financial aid.

This may make it more cost effective to drop the unnecessary course(s). Contact our office to discuss options.

### WHAT ABOUT MY SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarship eligibility is based on registered hours vs. financial aid eligible hours.

### KEEP IN MIND

- An appeal cannot be granted if you are taking a class for personal reasons and/or to be more competitive for grad school.
- Make sure you have declared all desired plans (majors, minors, concentrations, etc).
- If your course is replacing one from your degree plan, a course directive may be needed to remedy the situation. Meet with your advisor to discuss.

### NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL?

If the course is:

- Required for your major/minor.
- Required in order to raise your GPA (major, minor, cumulative).
- Required in order to replace test/transfer credit.
- Required to achieve 50% of required cumulative credit hours earned from a 4-year institution.

Access the appeal form by going to: [www.jmu.edu/financialaid/forms](http://www.jmu.edu/financialaid/forms)

### QUESTIONS?

If you have additional questions, contact us at: [finaid\\_compliance@jmu.edu](mailto:finaid_compliance@jmu.edu)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 22nd - Summer registration begins

April 19th - Fall registration begins

April 29th - Last day of classes