



# Happy Thanksgiving

"May your Thanksgiving be filled with family, friends,  
and delicious food."

Please see below some helpful information about  
financial aid.



# Financial Aid Information

You may wonder how your students can afford JMU. Fortunately, James Madison University offers financial aid options to help alleviate the load. Applying for financial aid can be daunting, but with the right resources, it can be a smooth process.

The first step in the financial aid process is to complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA once it becomes available in December 2023. You can find the application on the website [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). This application determines students' eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study programs. Be sure to advise students to submit their FAFSA before the priority filing date for JMU, which is March 1st, 2024. In addition to federal aid, JMU offers scholarships and grants based on academic merit and financial need. We strongly encourage prospective students to complete the General Scholarships Application within the JMU Madison Scholarship Hub in MyMadison as soon as possible. Incoming students should gain access to their MyMadison once they have submitted their application to the university. Specific scholarships have different deadlines; therefore, we recommend that students continuously check the Hub for updates.

Once a student submits the FAFSA to the school, we will generate a Preliminary Aid Offer that provides an estimate of what their financial aid may look like at JMU. Official Aid Offers are issued early to mid-June. At that point, students can begin accepting financial aid for the upcoming Fall semester. Remember to remind students to accept or decline each type of aid offered and keep track of any additional requirements, such as loan counseling or verification. By taking advantage of JMU's financial aid resources and staying organized throughout the process, students can make college more affordable and focus on achieving their academic goals.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is here to help! They encourage prospective students and parents to review their website for additional information. If you have additional questions, you can contact them at 540-568-7820 or [fin\\_aid@jmu.edu](mailto:fin_aid@jmu.edu).