



CHOICES

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

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Applying for Financial Aid & Scholarships at JMU

Federal Financial Aid

- ▶ Submit the 2025-2026 FAFSA with JMU's school code: **003721**
- ▶ Can be completed on www.studentaid.gov.
- ▶ Submit the FAFSA prior to March 1, 2025, to be considered for state-grant funding. We encourage all students to complete the FAFSA before this date each year to be considered for the maximum amount of grant funding possible.

JMU Scholarships

- ▶ Once you have access to MyMadison, you can submit your General Scholarship Application on the **Madison Scholarship Hub**.
- ▶ More specific information on scholarship opportunities can be found on our scholarship's website: <https://www.jmu.edu/scholarships/index.shtml>

Preliminary Financial Aid Offer

E-mailed to the same e-mail address
Admissions used to notify the student of
his/her acceptance to JMU

This is an estimate, as the 2025-26 tuition/fees
and room/board figures will not be set at the
time the award is generated

Students and parents cannot accept aid
based on this offer

Verification will not have been conducted

Preliminary Financial Aid Offer

- ▶ **The offer will contain tentative eligibility for aid from:**
 - ▶ Federal aid programs
 - ▶ State aid programs
 - ▶ JMU Scholarships (if you also have FAFSA related offers)
- ▶ **Official JMU scholarship notifications will come from individual campus departments**
- ▶ **After May 1, 2025, preliminary financial aid offers will be canceled**
- ▶ **New JMU students will receive:**
 - ▶ Verification request to secure additional information to complete a final FAFSA review (generally in May), or
 - ▶ Official Financial Aid Offer (generally begins around the middle to end of June)

Prospective Student Scholarships

www.jmu.edu/scholarships

► Admissions & University Departments

- ❖ Dingledine-Bluestone Scholarship for Achievement in Academics and Service
- ❖ Madison Award for Academic Excellence
- ❖ Second Century Scholars Scholarship Program
- ❖ Centennial Scholarship Program
- ❖ Foundation Scholarships
- ❖ Departmental Scholarships

► Financial Aid

- ❖ Various scholarships using [The Madison Scholarships Hub](#)

Scholarship Notification

- ▶ **Official notification of scholarships offered by a University department will be sent to the student by that department**
 - ❖ If you applied for financial aid using the FAFSA, the scholarship will be displayed on your Preliminary Financial Aid Offer as well
- ▶ **Scholarships offered through the Financial Aid Office will be displayed on the Preliminary Financial Aid Offer when it is generated**

Private Scholarships



Private scholarships can originate from any non JMU source



You can find some private scholarship searches at www.jmu.edu/scholarships



If you receive a private scholarship, complete an online [Supplemental Information Sheet](#) to inform the financial aid office regarding your good fortune



According to state and federal regulations, we must consider outside sources of financial assistance when awarding aid

Official Financial Aid Offer

Beginning in the middle to end of June, eligible students will be awarded and sent an Official Financial Aid Offer

- These offers are sent electronically to the student's JMU e-mail address (note the change from the Preliminary process)

Parents will receive a separate offer regarding Parent PLUS Direct Loan eligibility

- These offers are sent to the parental e-mail address listed on the FAFSA

Each offer will contain instructions for how to accept or decline the offered aid

- Students will do this through MyMadison
- Parents will do this through www.studentaid.gov, after receipt of the Official Offer

Helpful Tools

www.jmu.edu/financialaid



“Choices – Financial Aid Presentation”



“Prospective Student Scholarships” video



Quick Links - Terms & Conditions – Consumer Information”



Review information under the “Learn” section

Questions?

- ▶ If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office via one of the following methods:
 - In person on the 5th floor of the Student Success Center
 - By phone at (540) 568-7820
 - On the web at www.jmu.edu/financialaid