

# HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID for the 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

## New students: Start now.

Do not wait for an admissions decision to apply for financial aid. The earlier you start the process, the better your chances. Keep photocopies of your letters, applications, and related documents.

*Anytime – and  
sooner is always  
better!*

Check [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) for the best and latest information about federal student aid. Sign up at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch](http://SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch) and at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), databases of thousands of private scholarships, fellowships, and grants offered by a variety of organizations.

## October 1, 2018

**U. S. citizens and eligible non-citizens:** To maximize your eligibility for federal and state aid, file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and not later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

- Complete your FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. List the American Jewish University, **school code 002741**. Follow the instructions for electronic signature. **OR**
- If you filed a FAFSA for the previous academic year, the U. S. Department of Education will send a Renewal Notice to your e-mail address. Update those items that have changed since last year.

**International students:** Do not file the FAFSA.

## March 2, 2019 (CAS Only)

**Entering undergraduate California residents only:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the postmark deadline for completing your FAFSA online and sending your GPA Verification form to the California Student Aid Commission in order to be considered for a Cal Grant. Cal Grant GPA Verification forms are available at <https://www.aju.edu/financial-aid/forms-and-links>, from our office as well as from the Registrar of your current school. Please note: If you already have a Cal Grant, there is no need to re-apply.

## Forms

### 2017 Federal Tax Returns and 2017 IRS Transcripts:

Send AJU a complete, signed copy of your (and your spouse's, if applicable) 2017 federal income tax return, including all schedules and W-2 forms along with 2017 IRS Transcripts.

If you are dependent (See the FAFSA), send AJU a complete, signed copy of your parents' 2017 federal income tax return, including all schedules and W-2 forms along with 2017 IRS Transcripts.

If you (or your parents or spouse) will not file a 2017 tax return and are not legally required to do so, complete a **Parent Non-Tax Filer Statement**.

**Online Financial Aid Forms are available at:** <https://www.aju.edu/financial-aid/forms-and-links>

## International students

Provide a copy of your and your parents' most recent tax returns (if applicable) from your country of origin and three consecutive bank statements. We will let you know if we need a translation.

## Approximate Time-Line after all needed documents are submitted by the student

Verification is the process used to confirm that the data reported on your financial aid application is accurate. If you are filed the FAFSA and selected for verification, you will be notified on your Student Aid Report (SAR).

- If Department of Education picks your file for "Verification", allow AJU 4-5 weeks for the processing packages before FA Award Letter will be e-mailed to you
- If Department of Education did not pick your file for "Verification", allow us 3-4 weeks for the processing packages before FA Award Letter will be e-mailed to you

## If you have special circumstances...

Please tell us as soon as possible. Explain these circumstances on your **AJU Financial Aid Application** or in a separate letter. Supporting documents (bills, receipts, etc.) are required.

## Questions?

Please contact us. We will gladly help you with questions, explanations or problems about financial aid.