

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID for the 2018-2019 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 for the best and latest information about federal student aid. Sign up at <http://www.fastweb.com>, SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch and at <http://www.collegeboard.com/pay>, databases of thousands of private scholarships, fellowships, and grants offered by a variety of organizations.

**February 16,
2018**

AJU Priority Deadline: U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens should file the AJU Financial Aid Application; International students should file the AJU International Student Application for Financial Aid for the best chance of obtaining the most favorable aid package possible, including AJU Tuition and Housing Grants. Those who apply after the deadline may still qualify for reduced AJU grants.

Online Financial Aid Forms are available at: <http://currentstudents.aju.edu/Default.aspx?id=6047>

March 2, 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 1st, 2017 and not later than March 2nd, 2018. If your (and if applicable, your parents') tax returns are not yet complete, estimate income from the last pay stub(s). You can file corrections later.

- 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.

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Entering undergraduate California residents only: March 2nd 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 <http://currentstudents.aju.edu/Default.aspx?id=6047>, 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.

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2016 Federal Tax Returns and 2016 IRS Transcripts:

Send us a complete, signed copy of your (and your spouse's, if applicable) 2016 federal income tax return, including all schedules and W-2 forms along with 2016 IRS Transcripts.

If you are dependent (See the FAFSA), send us a complete, signed copy of your parents' 2016 federal income tax return, including all schedules and W-2 forms along with 2016 IRS Transcripts.

If you (or your parents or spouse) will not file a 2016 tax return and are not legally required to do so, complete a **Parent Non-Tax Filer Statement**.

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International students: Provide a copy of your and your parents' most recent tax returns. We will let you know if we need a translation.

IRS filing extensions

University aid is contingent on availability of funds at the time you complete your financial aid file. We may not be able to reserve funds for those who file federal tax returns after the April 15 or October 15 federal deadlines.

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 or problems about financial aid.