

Financial Aid Checklist

- Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
Website: www.fsaaid.ed.gov
Students applying for aid for the first time will need to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA ID). This is required to complete the FAFSA, Student Loan Entrance Counseling, to sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for federal student loans, and complete Annual Loan Acknowledgement. You will use the same FSA ID every year to file your FAFSA and sign federal student aid documents. For dependent students, at least one parent will also need to create an FSA ID.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Website: www.studentaid.gov **HSSU School Code: 002466**
This application is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. It is also used to determine eligibility for many State of Missouri student aid programs. **We strongly encourage you to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool if you are eligible.**
- Check your Hornet email daily for status updates concerning your FAFSA application.
 - Complete any required tasks or submit any documents requested in our email correspondence. If your application was selected for verification, please complete all required forms and submit them along with student and/or parent Tax Return Transcripts as soon as possible to avoid delays. **Using the IRS DATA Retrieval Tool will make the verification process easier.**
- Complete the Online Student Loan Request Form if interested in student loans through your MYHSSU portal then clicking My Dashboard & Forms.
- First-time HSSU borrowers will also need to complete Entrance Counseling and sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN). All borrowers will need to complete the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement every academic year before a new loan can be disbursed for that year. All of these tasks can be completed at www.studentaid.gov.
- If you plan to live on-campus complete the Online Housing application & Health Forms at www.HSSU.edu Residential Life.

Parents

- If interested in a parent loan to assist in paying your student's educational expenses, please complete the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Student (PLUS) application. If the PLUS is approved, new parent borrowers will also need to complete the PLUS Master Promissory Note and PLUS Credit Counseling. All PLUS borrowers will need to complete the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment before a new loan will disburse. Visit www.studentaid.gov and click on the Parent tab for more information.