



TULANE UNIVERSITY PROSPECTIVE UNDERGRADUATE FRESHMAN Financial Aid Checklist for 2026-2027

This step-by-step checklist will help you and your family navigate the financial aid application process with confidence. (All forms for 2026–2027 will use your 2024 federal tax information.)

Initial Application Steps

☐ **How Financial Aid Works**

Start by learning how financial aid works at Tulane:

<https://financialaid.tulane.edu/resources/how-financial-aid-works>

☐ **Complete the 2026–2027 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

To be considered for federal aid (such as federal grants, work-study, and student loans):

- Visit <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Tulane's Federal School Code: 002029
- Use 2024 federal tax information
- You can submit the FAFSA before being admitted, but Tulane will review it only after admission

☐ **Complete the 2026–2027 CSS Profile** (required for Tulane institutional need scholarship)

To be considered for Tulane institutional need scholarship, you must complete both the 2026–2027 FAFSA and the 2026–2027 CSS Profile.

- CSS Profile <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- Tulane's CSS School Code: 6832
- Signed copies of parents' 2024 federal tax return (with all schedules), all business returns, and all 2024 W-2 forms should be uploaded directly to Tulane's secure portal:
<https://finaidforms.tulane.edu/Home/Account/Login> or email PDF documents to FADOCS@tulane.edu

Our financial aid counseling team may request additional documents or information during the review process

☐ **After getting your Gibson login from the Office of Admissions**

- Check Gibson Portal Regularly
- Review your 'To Do' list for missing items
- Upload any requested documents securely
- Monitor your financial aid application status

Tulane reviews financial aid applications only after official admission is offered

After You Receive Your Financial Aid Offer

☐ **Review your award information in the Tulane Gibson Portal.**

Follow the instructions to accept the terms and conditions and accept or decline each offer listed.

<https://financialaid.tulane.edu/my-aid>

If You Plan to Borrow Student Loans

☐ **Accept your loans in your Gibson Portal**

You must accept your Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Loan before Tulane can certify it. This must be done each year you wish to borrow.

☐ **Complete First-Time Borrower Requirements** (if applicable)

1. **Master Promissory Note (MPN):** <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/>

2. **Entrance Counseling:** <https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/>

Your federal loans will not disburse until both the MPN and Entrance Counseling are completed.

☐ **Considering a Private (Non-Federal) Loan?**

Review Tulane's Private/Alternative Loan Information for lender suggestions. You are not required to choose from this list. Feel free to choose any lender that best fits your goals.

<https://financialaid.tulane.edu/types-of-aid/loans/private-alternative>

If you have financial aid questions, we're here to help!

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