



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

- Review the financial aid application information on our website:
<https://financialaid.tulane.edu/resources/how-financial-aid-works>
- Complete the **2026–2027 FAFSA** to be considered for federal aid such as federal grants, work-study, and student loans:
<https://studentaid.gov/>
Tulane’s Federal School Code: 002029
- Complete the **2026–2027 CSS Profile** to be considered for institutional need-based scholarship funding:
<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://financialaid.tulane.edu/forms> or email PDF documents to FADOCS@tulane.edu

You may submit your financial aid applications before you are admitted; however, they will not be reviewed until your admission has been confirmed. Our financial aid counseling team may request additional documents or information during the review process.

After You Have Been Admitted or If You Are a Returning Student

You will receive your **Gibson Online** login and password at the email address you provided in your application. Be sure to check your Gibson portal regularly for updates and required actions.

- **Check Your “To Do” List:**
Log in to your Gibson Portal and review any outstanding requirements. Upload all requested documents securely at:
<https://financialaid.tulane.edu/forms>

- **Monitor Your Application Status:**
Track your financial aid status through your Gibson Portal. Once your file has been reviewed, you will receive an email at your **Tulane email address** directing you to view your financial aid award online.

Steps If You Plan to Borrow Student Loans

- **Accept Your Aid in Gibson**
Log in to your Gibson portal to accept the Terms & Conditions, then accept, reduce, or decline your offered loans.
Instructions: <https://financialaid.tulane.edu/resources/how-financial-aid-works/accepting-your-aid-award>
- **Complete First-Time Borrower Requirements (if applicable)**
 - **Master Promissory Note (MPN):** <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/>
 - **Entrance Counseling:** <https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/>

Your federal loans will not be disbursed until both the MPN and Entrance Counseling are complete
- **Private (non-federal) Loan Option**
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!

Email (inquiries only): finaid@tulane.edu

PDF Document submission email: FADOCS@tulane.edu

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