In order to receive financial aid at UMKC, you are required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year (after October 1st). Most students will be able to apply online, but if you have reasons for needing another filing method, please visit the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Please submit your FAFSA in sufficient time for processing and awarding. Failure to do so can result in your classes being cancelled or being required to make a significant minimum payment.

**To Apply:**

- Obtain a FSA ID from the Department of Education at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). The student and at least one parent (if required to provide parental data) will need a FSA ID to sign the FAFSA, as well as to make corrections and access other Department of Education resources. If you previously created a FSA ID, you can access it there as well.
- If you want to write down your answers before you fill the application out online, you can obtain a FAFSA on the Web Worksheet from [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).
- Apply at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Click on the green “Start a New FAFSA” button. Enter your FSA ID, or your name, social security number, and date of birth. Verify that your information is correct then click “next.” Next, click on either the “Start New FAFSA” or “FAFSA Renewal.”
- UMKC’s School Code is 002518. Make sure to list your housing plans.
- UMKC’s priority deadline is February 1st, but you can complete the FAFSA even after that date.

**Answers to Frequently Asked FAFSA Questions:**

For Students in Class Years 2022, 2021, & 2020: Complete Step Four on the FAFSA to include parental data, even if you are an independent student, if you want to be considered for aid programs funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, such as the Health Professions Loans (HPL) or Loans for Disadvantaged (LDS) Students. If you want to apply for the HPL or LDS, you must also fill out the 2019-2020 HPL Worksheet, available March 2019, and can be found at [finaid.umkc.edu](http://finaid.umkc.edu) > Forms > Loan Forms > HPL Institutional Application (2019-2020).

**Question #29** - “When you begin the 2019-2020 school year, what will be your grade level?”
  - Choose 1st Year graduate/professional or continuing graduate/professional, as applies to you

**Question #30** - “When you begin the 2019-2020 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?”
  - Choose Graduate or professional degree

**Question #48** - “At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program?”
  - Choose “yes”

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**Please Note:** You may be requested to provide additional information at a later date, including verification forms and tax transcripts. You may also need to submit additional loan applications for Grad PLUS or private loans after the initial awards are made. The Financial Aid & Scholarships office will notify you if additional documentation is required.