

PROCEDURES AND ELIGIBILITY

Most financial aid awards are determined by analyzing a family's ability to pay in relation to the cost for a school year. In order to determine financial need on a uniform basis, each applicant must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA via the internet at www.studentaid.gov. If a student prefers to complete a paper form, the student may request one from the Department of Education at (800) 433-3243.

After financial need has been established, a student's need may be met through one of several funds or through a financial aid package consisting of a combination of funds and programs.

Students should submit financial aid forms prior to each term's deadlines for aid to be processed and applied to the following academic term. (Summer - April 1, Fall - June 1, Spring - November 1) Students who apply after this date may find funds depleted. Applicants entering directly from high school are advised to apply early in their senior year, no later than May 1. Contact the Financial Aid Office or a high school counselor for further information. The Rhodes State school code for the FAFSA is **010027**. Federal financial aid requires an official High School Transcript or GED, with scores for disbursement of federal financial aid.