Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. When is the ExSEL Application Packet Due?
A1. All portions of the ExSEL application packet are due by April 15th. Students must carefully read the “How to Apply” section of the packet to make certain they have completed all steps. (We will not call each applicant when paperwork is missing.)

Q2. Where do I mail the ExSEL Application Packet?
A2. The ExSEL packet should be mailed to:

   Courtney Peppers–Owen
   ExSEL Program
   Learning Services
   Jacksonville State University
   700 Pelham Road North
   Jacksonville, AL 36265

Q3. When will I know if I have been accepted to the program?
A3. Selection for the ExSEL program will be made by May 3, 2013. After this date, acceptance letters including information regarding orientation days/times and housing move-in dates will be included in this acceptance letter.

Q4. What is the selection process for ExSEL?
A4. The ExSEL director and faculty will review all letters of recommendation and essays submitted. Selection will be based on students’ desire to learn and improve his/her skills. Student essays should reflect the students’ “own words.” We are not looking for a perfect essay; we use the essay to determine the students’ motivation as well as their skill-level in writing.

Q5. What is the cost of the ExSEL Program?
A5. Read the “Dates and Prices” section of the packet. We have attempted to get definite prices on all costs for the program, but note that some prices are subject to change.
Q6. Does federal financial aid cover the cost of ExSEL?

A6. No. Federal student aid does not cover the program, but students are eligible to apply for an institutional Logan Walker Loan (for up to $1000). The student is not required to pay on the loan as long as he/she is enrolled in JSU.

Q7. Even though federal aid does not cover the program, should I complete my financial aid application before the ExSEL program?

A7. Yes. Even though you may not use federal aid for ExSEL, you must have the paperwork completed for the fall semester. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete financial aid paperwork.

Q8. I am Conditionally Admitted to JSU. Do I still have to go through ExSEL?

A8. Conditionally Admitted (CA) students are not required to go through the ExSEL program; however, they are encouraged to apply. The program gives these students skills-building needed to be successful in the fall semester. Preference is given to those students who are required to take the program, but each year several CA students do complete the program.

Q9. I was not eligible for the ExSEL Program. What are my options?

A9. Students who are not eligible for the ExSEL program have the option of retaking the ACT and scoring 17 or above or retaking the SAT and scoring 830 or above. Students also have the option of attending a community college and completing 24 transferable hours.

For other questions, please contact us @ dmjames@jsu.edu or cpeppers@jsu.edu