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To qualify for this waiver, you must meet all of the Additional Eligibility Requirements and all of the Foster Care requirements.

Foster Care Eligibility Requirements:

You must have been placed in an out-of-home placement by the Maryland Department of Human Resources and must also meet one of the following criteria:

- You resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland on your 18th birthday, or at the time you
 graduated from high school or successfully completed a general equivalency development examination
 (GED).
- You resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland for at least 1 year on or after your 13th birthday
 and you were placed into guardianship, adopted, or reunited with at least one of your parents after the
 out-of-home placement ended.
- Your older sibling met the placement and guardianship/adoption criteria above, and you were concurrently placed into guardianship or adopted out of an out-of-home placement by the same guardianship or adoptive family.
- The Maryland Department of Human Resources must confirm that you are eligible for the waiver.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

- You must enroll at Towson University as a degree-seeking undergraduate on or before age 25.
- You may receive this waiver for **ten years** from your first date of enrollment as an associate's degree or bachelor's degree candidate at a public college or university in Maryland; or until you earn a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- **Every year**, you must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) or Maryland State Financial Aid Application (**MSFAA**). Follow the instructions below.

Waiver Amount & Restrictions:

- You may only receive a waiver for the cost of your Tuition and Mandatory academic fees.
- We can't waive campus housing, meal plan, books, or other non-course charges.
- If you study abroad, this waiver can only be applied to **TU Exchange** programs. For more information about these requirements and the different types of study abroad programs, review the <u>study abroad aid requirements</u>.
- If you receive other grants or scholarships, this tuition and fees waiver will not be reduced based on those grants/scholarships, but in some cases the regulations for your other grants and scholarships could require reductions to those grants and scholarships based on this waiver.



Foster Care Waiver Form

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Application Process & Deadlines:

- 1) **Every year**, submit a **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
 - Follow the instructions and deadlines at www.towson.edu/fafsa.
- 2) If you aren't eligible to submit a FAFSA because you don't have a Social Security Number and you are an eligible undocumented, Dream Act, or DACA student, you must submit MHEC's Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA). Review the MSFAA Criteria and FAQs. Then apply online at MDCAPS.
- 3) You must also submit this form if this is the first time you are applying for this waiver.

After your first application is approved, we will usually automatically renew your waiver for the following fall or spring term. If your waiver has not been applied, please submit this form to request it.

Student Name:	TU I.D. #:
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Submission Methods (Choose one.) - Please include student's name and TU ID Number.

Document Upload	Fax	Mail	In Person
Scan documents and upload to www.towson.edu/SubmitAidDocs. Please combine multiple pages into a single PDF file.	410-704-2584	Towson University Financial Aid Office 8000 York Road Towson, MD 21252	Room 339 Enrollment Services Center Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30

Please allow us 2 to 3 days to remove document requests from your To-Do-List.

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