

# We're glad you've decided to apply to Towson University!

You'll have many opportunities to explore academic and personal growth at Towson while enjoying small classes and a connected campus community. People are friendly here—it's easy to get to know your professors and classmates, and get involved with campus life. We think you'll find Towson University is the right place for you.

An application, application instructions, and admission policies and guidelines are all found in this booklet. But remember, if you can't find the answers here, you can call us at 1-888-4TOWSON or visit us at [www.towson.edu/discover](http://www.towson.edu/discover).

If you're interested in joining the Honors College, be sure to submit the Honors College Application, located at the end of this booklet, in addition to your TU Application for Undergraduate Admission. See page 9 for more information about the Honors College.

## About Towson University

Founded in 1866, Towson University is today recognized as one of the finest regional public universities in the north, offering more than 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, and applied professional fields. With more than 19,000 students, we're Maryland's second-largest public university and the largest in the Baltimore area. As a metropolitan university, Towson combines research-based learning with practical application. Our many interdisciplinary partnerships with public and private organizations throughout Maryland provide students with opportunities for service learning, civic engagement, internships and jobs.



# Bachelor's Degree Programs

## **Accounting \* +**

Financial Planning

## **Allied Health ~**

### **Art**

Ceramics

Digital Art and Design

Graphic Design

Illustration

Interdisciplinary Crafts

Metalsmithing and Jewelry

Painting and Drawing

Photography

Printmaking

Sculpture

## **Art Education (K-12 Certification) \* +**

## **Art History**

## **Athletic Training \* +**

## **Biology**

Cell and Molecular Biology

Functional Biology of Animals

Organismal Biology and Ecology

Secondary School General Science Teaching +

## **Business Administration \* +**

Economics

Entrepreneurship

Finance

Financial Planning

Human Resource Management

International Business

Legal Studies

Management

Marketing

Marketing–Mass Communication

## **Chemical Dependency Counseling and Education ~**

Counseling and Rehabilitation

Prevention and Education

## **Chemistry +**

Chemistry Secondary Education +

General Professional

## **Communication Studies**

## **Computer Information Systems**

## **Computer Science +**

Computer Security

## **Cultural Studies**

## **Dance Performance \* + #**

## **Dance Performance and Education (K-12 Certification) \* + #**

## **Deaf Studies**

Deaf Culture

Human Services

## **Early Childhood Education \* +**

## **Earth-Space Science**

Earth-Space Science Secondary Education +

## **E-business \***

Financial Planning

## **Economics**

## **Electronic Media and Film**

Film and Media Studies

Film/Video/Digital Media

Radio/Audio

## **Elementary Education \* +**

*Minor*

Mathematics

## **English**

English Secondary Education +

Literature

Writing

*Minors*

World Literature

Creative Writing

## **Environmental Science**

## **Environmental Studies**

## **Exercise Science**

## **Family Studies**

Child Life

Family and Human Services

Leadership in the Nonprofit Sector

Services to Children

## **Forensic Chemistry**

General Forensic Chemistry

Trace Evidence/Drug Analysis

DNA

## **Foreign Languages**

French

German

Spanish

Secondary Education Program +

Literature/Professional Program

## **Geography and Environmental Planning**

Geography Secondary Education +

Global Skills

*Minor*

Geographic Information Sciences

## **Geography and Land Surveying ~**

## **Geology**

## **Gerontology**

## **Health Care Management**

Long-Term Care

## **Health Science +**

Community Health

School Health–Teacher Education (5-12 Certification) +

## **History**

History Secondary Education +

## **Information Technology ~**

## **Integrated Elementary Education–Special Education \* +**

## **Interdisciplinary Studies**

*Tracks/Minors*

American Studies

Animal Behavior

Asian Studies

Individually Designed Thematic Option

Latin American Studies

## *Minors Only*

African and African American Studies

Business, Communication and the Liberal Arts

Classical Studies

Comparative Ethnic Studies

Jewish Studies

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies

## **International Studies**

Asia

Europe

General

International Development

Latin America

*Minor*

European Studies

## **Law and American Civilization**

## **Mass Communication**

Advertising

Journalism and New Media

Strategic Public Relations and Integrated Communication

Mass Communication–Marketing

## **Mathematics**

Actuarial Science and Risk Management

Applied Mathematics

Mathematics Secondary Education +

Pure Mathematics

## **Medicinal Chemistry**

## **Metropolitan Studies**

## **Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and**

## **Bioinformatics**

Molecular Biology

Biochemistry

Bioinformatics

## **Music \* + #**

Composition #

Guitar Performance #

Jazz/Commercial Composition #

Jazz/Commercial Performance #

Keyboard Performance #

Voice Performance #

Winds/Strings/Percussion Performance #

*Minor*

Music Literature

Music Performance #

## **Music Education (K-12 Certification) \* + #**

Instrumental #

Vocal/General #

## **Nursing \* +**

Basic Program

RN Completion Program

## **Occupational Therapy Combined B.S./M.S. \* +**

## **Philosophy**

## **Physical Education (K-12 Certification) \* +**

## **Physics**

Applied Physics

Astrophysics

General Physics

Physics Secondary Education +

B.S. Physics/M.S. Computer Science

## TU at a Glance

### 2007 Freshman Class Profile

Applications: 15,114  
Accepted: 9,078

### Enrolled: 2,665

70% in-state  
30% out-of-state  
16.3% minority

**Average GPA:** 3.46

**Average SAT:** 1620\*

\* Includes all three sections of SAT R.

### Majors

63 undergraduate majors

### Class Size

More than 77 percent of classes enroll  
25 or fewer students.

### 2007 Student Body

16,219 undergraduate students  
3,539 graduate students  
19,758 total

### 2007 Faculty

728 permanent full-time (75% hold Ph.D.  
or highest terminal degree)  
18:1 student-to-faculty ratio

### Campus

328 acres  
17 academic buildings  
12 university residence halls  
13 dining locations

### Internet

Wireless campus  
Ethernet hookup in every building

### Estimated Annual Tuition and Fees 2008-2009

\$7,314 in-state  
\$17,860 out-of-state  
\$8,306 standard room and board\*\*

\*\*The university reserves the right to make changes in tuition, fees and other charges at any time such changes are deemed necessary by the university and the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

#### Minor

Astronomy

#### Political Science

#### Psychology

#### Religious Studies

#### Secondary Education Certification \* +

(Students major in one of 13 subject-area certification programs.)

#### Social Sciences

Social Sciences Secondary Education +

#### Sociology-Anthropology

Anthropology  
Criminal Justice  
Sociology

#### Special Education \* +

Elementary  
Infant/Primary  
Secondary/Adult

#### Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology \* +

#### Sport Management

#### Theatre

Acting  
Design and Production  
Theatre Studies

#### Women's Studies

#### Pre-Professional Preparation Programs

Physical Therapy Preparation  
Prelaw  
Premedical/Predental  
Prepharmacy  
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

#### Dual Degree Programs

Medicinal Chemistry (with University of Maryland,  
School of Pharmacy)  
Physics and Engineering (with University of Maryland,  
College Park and Pennsylvania State University)  
Political Science and Law (with University of Baltimore)  
B.S. Biological Sciences/M.S. Aquaculture or Antarctic and  
Southern Ocean Studies (with University of Tasmania)

#### Special Programs

Honors Programs

#### Degrees Granted

Au.D., B.A., B.F.A., B.M., B.S., Ed.D., M.A., M.S., M.A.T., MBA, M.Ed.,  
M.F.A., M.M., Sc.D.

#### Key

Majors are shown in bold.  
Concentrations and tracks are listed below majors.

\* Screened or competitive major. Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to this major program. Consult the current *Undergraduate Catalog*.

+ This program is accredited by a national association.

# Audition required

~ Community college partnership program



## Visiting Campus

The best way to learn more about Towson University is to visit the campus. To make reservations for a campus tour, Open House or information session, visit [www.towson.edu/discover](http://www.towson.edu/discover). You can also take a virtual tour online.

# Scholarships, Financial Aid and Estimated Expenses

## Scholarships

Students who apply for admission before December 1 will be considered for admission scholarships including the Commonwealth Award, Cultural Diversity Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship and the Provost Scholarship. Honors College scholarships require a separate application to the Honors College that is due by February 1. These competitive scholarships are awarded based on your GPA and SAT/ACT scores. There are many other scholarships available through campus departments and private endowments. For more information about scholarships, visit [www.towson.edu/finaid](http://www.towson.edu/finaid).

## About Financial Aid

Student financial aid includes grants, loans and employment. The U.S. Department of Education, the state of Maryland and Towson University provide financial aid programs that may help you pay the difference between the cost of education and the amount that you and your family can contribute. The Financial Aid Office will compute your need for funds with the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cost of Education} \\ - & \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ = & \text{Outside Resources (state/private scholarships, etc.)} \\ = & \text{Need for Title IV and university funds} \end{aligned}$$

The cost of education includes direct costs such as tuition, fees, room and board as well as indirect costs including transportation and personal expenses. The U.S. Department of Education will calculate your expected family contribution (EFC) from the information that you and your family provide on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## Financial Aid Application Procedures and Deadlines

You can apply for aid electronically by filling out the FAFSA at [www.ed.gov/studentaid](http://www.ed.gov/studentaid) or you can request a paper FAFSA from the U.S. Department of Education by calling 1-800-4FED-AID.

Whether you apply electronically or by mail, complete the process as early as possible after January 1, and no later than **January 31**. Be sure to list Towson University (code #002099) on your FAFSA to enable the federal processor to transmit the results electronically to Towson University's Financial Aid Office.

Because grant funds are limited, the Financial Aid Office offers grants to students who demonstrate the greatest need and whose applications are received by the deadline. The Financial Aid Office continues to process applications after the priority deadline, but late applicants may not receive aid from programs that have limited funding.

## Transfer Students

Financial aid generally will not transfer from one institution to another. Only your eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant and some state grants may transfer. If you plan to transfer mid-year and have already processed a FAFSA to attend another school during the fall term, you must contact the federal processor (1-800-4FED-AID) and request that your FAFSA results be sent to Towson University's Financial Aid Office.

## Estimated Expenses: 2008–2009 Academic Year

Subject to change by the Board of Regents.

### Full-time Undergraduate Students

Annual in-state tuition, technology fee, and mandatory university fees (full-time) .....	\$7,314
Annual out-of-state tuition, technology fee, and mandatory university fees (full-time) .....	\$17,860
Annual room and board (based on double occupancy and 14-meal plan with \$50 in dining points) .....	\$8,306

### Total residence package \*

In-state .....	\$15,620
Out-of-state .....	\$26,166

\* *Tuition, technology fee, mandatory university fees, room and board totals. A \$40 overload surcharge fee will be assessed per unit for all units over 15 per term. Students should consider the cost of books, personal expenditures and transportation when planning a budget for college expenses.*

## Term Expenses: 2008–2009 Academic Year

Subject to change by the Board of Regents.

### Part-time Undergraduate Students

Tuition per unit (part-time includes technology fee and university fees)	
In-state undergraduate .....	\$305
Out-of-state undergraduate .....	\$646
Miscellaneous Fees or One-Time Charges	
Application fee (nonrefundable/nondeferrable) .....	\$45
Enrollment fee (nonrefundable/nondeferrable) .....	\$300
Parking fee (2007–2008)	
(per year) .....	\$230
(per term) .....	\$135
Private music lesson fee—major instrument .....	\$100
Private music lesson fee—non-major instrument .....	\$260
(music lesson fees are in addition to charge per unit)	
Student teaching/clinical practicum	
(designed as PRC, STT, CIN; determined by number of days student is actually teaching) .....	\$240-\$700
Housing deposit: full-time students only	
(nonrefundable but deductible from spring term room and board) .....	\$350

## Academic Fees and Other Special Fees

The fees listed below are associated with specific courses, majors and special programs. Scholarships do not cover course-based fees or the Student Classification Fee. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

Student Classification Fee (one-time fee assessed to all degree candidates who have attained junior standing) .....	\$200
Study Abroad Fee (fall and spring terms) .....	\$250

*Note: Towson University reserves the right to make changes in tuition, fees and other charges at any time such changes are deemed necessary by the university and the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.*

# Admission Policies

## Admission Policies for Freshmen

### Criteria for Admission

Admission is competitive, based on the applicant pool and available space in the freshman class. High school performance in grades 9–11, as demonstrated by a student's grade point average, is evaluated. Strength and rigor of the curricula are considered. Performance on the SAT R or ACT is also evaluated.

Candidates for freshman admission are expected to complete a college preparatory curriculum in high school, including four units of English, three units of social sciences, three units of science (two must have lab component), three units of mathematics (including algebra I, algebra II and geometry), two units of a foreign language, and six elective units.

Towson defines freshman applicants as students currently enrolled in high school or high school graduates who have never attended college. If an applicant is denied admission, he or she may not attend the university as a non-degree candidate.

### Early Admission

A select number of outstanding students are admitted to Towson University after completing their junior year in high school. If you are interested in early admission, you should first consult with the appropriate person(s) at your high school and then arrange for an appointment with Towson's director of admissions.

### Advanced Placement

Entering Towson students who score well on the College Board's Advanced Placement tests can receive units and advanced placement in various subjects, including biology, chemistry, computer science, economics, English, French, Spanish, German, government and politics, history, mathematics, music, physics, political science and psychology. In general, scores of 4 or 5 result in automatic credit and/or placement. Students should have their score reports sent directly to Towson University's Office of Admissions.

### International Baccalaureate

Students who earn an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma are eligible to receive sophomore standing and can be awarded 30 units toward their bachelor's degree. Students who earn an IB certificate are also eligible to receive units based on the results of their higher-level exams. Students receive 6 to 8 units for each higher-level exam completed with a score of 4 or above. A score of 5 or above is required for the physics higher-level exam. An official, final IB transcript must be submitted to the Office of Admissions for advanced standing to be awarded.

## Admission Policies for Transfer Students

### Criteria for Admission

To be considered for transfer admission, a student must have completed a minimum of 30 credits of transferable college-level work and be in good academic standing. This course work cannot include remedial or preparatory courses or non-traditional courses such as Credit for Prior Experience/Learning, Military Science, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or DANTES, USAFI or ACE evaluations. Students with fewer than 30 transferable credits must comply with the requirements for incoming freshmen and possess the minimum transfer GPA.

The requirements for transfer admission vary, depending on the total number of transferable credits completed and the cumulative combined GPA from all institutions attended.

Priority admission is reserved for transfer students from a Maryland community college who have earned at least 56 transferable credits, are in good academic standing, and have maintained a GPA that meets the policies set by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the University System of Maryland.

Students who have earned fewer than 56 transferable credits or who are transferring from an institution other than a Maryland community college will be admitted based upon combined cumulative GPA of transferable credits and space availability.

Upon official acceptance to Towson University, a transfer student must maintain the established cumulative GPA required for admission (inclusive of current course work) and remain in good academic standing at his or her current institution, or the university's offer of admission will be withdrawn.

Any transfer applicant who has attended Towson as a non-degree student must possess at least a 2.0 GPA for all course work attempted through the university, even if the applicant is admissible based on course work completed at other institutions. A transfer applicant who is denied admission may not attend as a non-degree student.

### Transfer Waiting List

Wait-listed students are defined as those currently taking the necessary course work to meet minimum transfer standards for admission. Admission may be granted if class space is still available at the end of the term during which the required course work is in progress. The university may not consider summer school course work if it is not completed before registration for new students. The Office of Admissions may not wait-list transfer students for the spring term; applicants must possess qualifying credentials before the December 1 deadline to be considered for enrollment in the spring term. In other words, fall course work may not be considered for spring admission.

Housing, financial aid and specific courses may be limited by the time an official offer of admission is made to students on the waiting list.

Students are encouraged to make alternate plans for admission to other colleges in the event that the university cannot extend an offer of admission due to lack of space at the end of that particular term.

### Evaluation of Transfer Credit

A maximum of 90 credits of college work may be accepted from students transferring to Towson University from other institutions. However, no more than 64 credits may be transferred from community colleges or other two-year institutions. Only courses transfer, not grades.

Each student's final 30 units (senior-year work) must be completed at Towson University; the final 15 units must be completed as a degree candidate.

Transfer credit will be allowed for most academic courses completed at any regionally accredited two- or four-year college or university. Courses that are not parallel or discipline-compatible with TU courses do not transfer. In addition, college orientation, developmental/remedial, personal development, technical/occupational and selected business courses do not transfer.

After students are admitted to Towson University and have returned the enrollment contract and fee, they receive a preliminary Evaluation of Transfer Credit from the Office of Admissions. A final Evaluation of Credit will be forwarded when the final grades for the current term are received from the student's most recently attended institution. All final official transcripts are due in the Office of Admissions before the course scheduling date.

Courses that are eligible for transfer from Maryland public community colleges are identified in ARTSYS on the Web, <http://artweb.usmd.edu>.

### Transfer Packages

Towson offers Transfer Packages to newly enrolled transfer students from Maryland public post-secondary degree-granting institutions. For more information, see the *Undergraduate Catalog* or visit [www.towson.edu/discover](http://www.towson.edu/discover).

# Application Instructions for Freshmen and Transfer Students

## How to Apply

All applicants should complete, sign and return pages 1–6 of the TU Application for Undergraduate Admission along with the \$45 application fee (check or money order made payable to Towson University only) to the Office of Admissions, Towson University, P.O. Box 17614, Baltimore, MD 21297-1614. The application fee is nonrefundable and nondeferrable to subsequent applications. Fee waiver forms are available upon request for students who are unable to pay the application fee.

## For Freshmen

**Deadline for spring 2009:** November 15

**Deadlines for fall 2009:** December 1 for scholarship consideration;  
February 15 for all other applicants

## Freshman Applicant Responsibility

Applicants for freshman admission must make arrangements to have official transcripts for grades 9–11 sent directly to the Office of Admissions. Additional transcripts are also required for final grades. The attached High School Transcript and Recommendation Supplement (pages 7–8 of the application) is provided to assist the applicant with this requirement. Applicants must provide the Office of Admissions with SAT R scores directly through the Education Testing Service in Princeton, N.J. (Towson University's code is 5404). ACT scores, including the writing portion, may be substituted for the SAT R. Scores on high school transcripts are not considered official.

## For Transfer Students

**Deadline for spring 2009:** November 15

**Deadline for fall 2009:** February 15

## Transfer Applicant Responsibility

Transfer applicants must contact the registrar at each transfer institution they attended (even if credits were not earned) and request that their official records be sent directly to the Office of Admissions. Your application will not be complete until we receive these records. We do not accept fax transmissions. Individual transcripts from all institutions are required to complete the application even if the most recent college transcript lists all course work that has been taken.

Transcripts of course work in progress should also be requested in advance to ensure prompt receipt at the conclusion of the term, and must be received before your course scheduling date. Applicants with fewer than 30 credits completed are also required to submit their SAT R scores and complete secondary school transcripts.

***It is the applicant's responsibility to make certain that all required documents are forwarded to the Office of Admissions. Incomplete applications or those improperly filed are subject to cancellation. Admission to Towson University is granted to applicants whose academic and personal qualifications give promise of academic success. The university reserves the right to close admissions when no space remains available. The average processing time for an application is six weeks.***

## Applying to the Honors College

Students interested in the Honors College must complete the Honors College Application, on page 9 of this booklet, in addition to the TU Application for Undergraduate Admission. Mail the application in the envelope provided to The Honors College, Towson University, 8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252-0001.

## Transcripts from Schools Outside the United States

The Office of Admissions requires that applicants who have attended institutions outside the United States submit an evaluation of their transcripts from the World Education Service ([www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)).

## If You Previously Attended Towson University

If you previously attended TU as a degree candidate (either full- or part-time), do not fill out this application. Please call the Office of the Registrar at 410-704-2007 for a re-enrollment form.

If you previously attended TU as a non-degree student, you may apply as a transfer student into a full- or part-time degree program by submitting this application. If you have earned 30 or more units, you will be subject to the general admission requirements for transfer students. If you have earned fewer than 30 units, you must make arrangements for the admissions office to receive all secondary school records, such as high school transcripts and SAT R scores, in addition to official transcripts from all previously attended institutions.

## If You Previously Received a Bachelor's Degree

Do not fill out this application. Please call the Office of Admissions at 410-704-2113 for a Second Bachelor's Degree Application.

## If You are Applying with a GED

GED (General Equivalency Diploma) recipients are subject to SAT R minimums and must present a partial high school transcript to be considered for admission. GED recipients without these credentials are referred for placement testing before an admission decision is made.

## Credit for Prior Learning

The Office of the Registrar sponsors a Credit for Prior Learning Program through which a student may receive up to 45 units for what has been learned through non-college studies. Participating departments offer units through the following formats: standardized tests, ACE-evaluated instruction, portfolio review, or military courses or experience. Some College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests are also accepted. Please call 410-704-2471 for more information.





## Section 4. Family Information

Completion of this page is optional. It is for our information only and will not affect your application for admission.

A. Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last/Family Name First/Given Name M.I.

B. Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last/Family Name First/Given Name M.I.

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street/Box Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP/Postal Code

Home phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street/Box Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP/Postal Code

Work phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

College attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree earned: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last/Family Name First/Given Name M.I.

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street/Box Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP/Postal Code

Home phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street/Box Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP/Postal Code

Work phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

College attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree earned: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Brothers and sisters:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. date: \_\_\_\_\_

E. With whom do you reside?  Mother  Father  Both parents  Guardian  Spouse  Other

F. In what year do you plan to graduate from Towson University? \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 5. Military Service (Active Duty Only)

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Date entered: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Date released: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Do you need "Early Out" papers to be prepared in order to attend Towson University?  Yes  No

## Section 6. Academic Plan

Indicate the major you wish to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

Refer to page ii of this application for the list of academic majors. This information is sought from applicants for institutional planning only and does not represent formal declaration of a major. Students interested in pursuing a screened major should consult the current *Undergraduate Catalog* for department admission procedures and screening/audition requirements. The *Catalog* can be found online at [www.towson.edu](http://www.towson.edu). Please note that the following majors require auditions: Dance, Music, Theatre-Acting. Please check with the department for dates.

If you are undecided about your major, check here  Do you intend to apply to the Honors College?  Yes  No (See page 9 for more information.)

## Section 7. Attendance Plans

Will attend TU full time (12 or more units per term)  Will attend TU part time (11 or fewer units per term)

## Section 8. Housing/Financial Aid Plans

Will live in campus residence facilities (Housing availability and requirements can be found online at [www.towson.edu/housing](http://www.towson.edu/housing).)

Will apply for financial aid (The FAFSA is required for financial aid. Additional information is available online at [www.towson.edu/finaid](http://www.towson.edu/finaid).)

## Section 9. High School History

High school currently attending (or from which you graduated) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ETS code number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of high school graduation/departure: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ SAT R test dates: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Month Year Month Year Month Year

GED test date (if not a high school graduate): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ ACT test dates: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Month Year Month Year Month Year

**Must be sent  
directly from  
ETS or ACT**

## Section 10. College or University Attendance

IMPORTANT: Please begin with the most recently attended or current institution. List every school you have attended, whether you earned credit or not. Include concurrent enrollment experience if courses were taken while in high school. Also include any course work attempted, completed or in progress at Towson University.

NAME OF INSTITUTION (Please do not abbreviate)	LOCATION (City, State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE (Month/Year)	CREDITS	ETS CODE
_____	_____	From ____ / ____ To ____ / ____	_____	_____
_____	_____	From ____ / ____ To ____ / ____	_____	_____
_____	_____	From ____ / ____ To ____ / ____	_____	_____
_____	_____	From ____ / ____ To ____ / ____	_____	_____

Estimate the total number of college-level credits you will have earned prior to your entrance into degree candidacy at Towson University.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (If fewer than 30 credits, a high school transcript and SAT R results are required.)

Are you currently enrolled at a college or university?  Yes  No If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Through which term and year will you continue to study there?  Fall 2008  Minimester 2009  Spring 2009  Summer 2009

If you are attending a Maryland community college and expect to earn a degree, which type will you earn?  A.A.  A.S.  A.A.T.

Are any of these credits from a college/university outside of the U.S.?  Yes  No If yes, please go to [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) for details.

Have you earned a bachelor's degree?  Yes  No If yes, do not submit this application. Call 410-704-2113 to obtain the proper form.

**DISCIPLINARY RECORD: Answer each question below. An affirmative response to either question will not result in an automatic denial of admission or enrollment. All relevant circumstances will be considered. The university reserves the right to request further information from the applicant to verify the information disclosed. Providing false information to these questions will be grounds for rejecting your application, or, if you are admitted, expulsion.**

A) Are you in good standing at all previous institutions that you attended and eligible to return?  Yes  No

If "no" please explain the reason you are not in good standing and include in your explanation the name of the institution to which you are ineligible to return. \_\_\_\_\_

B) Has disciplinary action been initiated or taken against you at any of the institutions you attended?  Yes  No

If "yes" please explain and include in your explanation the name of the institution taking disciplinary action, the date of the infraction, and the disciplinary action taken. \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 11. Residency Information

Do you wish to be considered for in-state tuition status?  Yes  No (If yes, you must complete this section of the application.)

**IF ANY OF THE CATEGORIES BELOW APPLY, PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX, PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTATION, AND GO TO ITEM 10.**

- I am a part-time (50%) or full-time regular employee of the University System of Maryland or I am the spouse of, or am financially dependent upon a parent or legal guardian who is, a regular employee of the University System of Maryland.**

Please indicate relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a letter of verification from the Human Resources Office of the campus at which you or your spouse or parent or legal guardian is employed.

- I am a full-time active member of the U.S. Armed Forces whose home of residency is Maryland or one who resides or is stationed in Maryland, or the spouse or a financially dependent child of such a person.**

Please attach a copy of your deed or lease (if applicable), or verification from the service that you have declared Maryland as your "home of residency" (if applicable); and the most recent assignment orders. Also, please indicate date of expected separation from the military:

- I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who received an honorable discharge within the past 12 months and received my high school education in Maryland.**

Please attach a copy of form DD-214 and documentation of enrollment in a Maryland high school for a minimum of three years, and, graduation from a Maryland high school or receipt of a GED diploma in Maryland.

**If none of the above is checked, applicants seeking in-state status must complete the following questions. Failure to complete all of the required items may result in a non-Maryland resident classification and out-of-state charges being applied. Residency classification information is evaluated in accordance with the University System of Maryland policy on residency. The applicant may be contacted for clarification of an item, or for additional information as necessary.**

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

- I am financially independent.** I have earned taxable income and I have not been claimed as a dependent on another person's most recent income tax returns.
- I am financially dependent** on another person who has claimed me as a dependent on his/her most recent income tax returns, or I am a ward of the state of Maryland. If a ward of the state, please submit documentation and go to item 10.

Name of person upon whom dependent and relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

a. How long have you been dependent upon this person? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is the person a resident of Maryland?  Yes  No

c. Address of this person: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Is this person a citizen of the United States?  Yes  No

i. If no, type of visa: \_\_\_\_\_ ii. Expiration date of visa: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Alien Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ iv. Date of issuance: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Has this person filed a Maryland state income tax return for the most recent year on all earned income including income earned outside of Maryland?  Yes  No If yes, list actual years Maryland income tax returns have been filed within the past 3 years.

i. Years filed: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. If a Maryland tax return has not been filed within the last 12 months, state reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

f. Signature of this person: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 11. Residency Information (continued)**

**The Student Applicant is responsible for completing items 1–10.**

**1. Permanent address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time at permanent address \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

If less than 12 months, provide previous address: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time at previous address \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

**2. Are you residing in Maryland primarily to attend an educational institution?**

Yes  No

**3. Are all, or substantially all, of your possessions in Maryland?**

Yes  No

**4. Do you possess a valid driver's license?**

Yes  No

a. If yes, initial date of issue \_\_\_\_\_ b. In what state? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Most recent date of issue \_\_\_\_\_ d. In what state? \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Do you own any motor vehicles?**

Yes  No

a. If yes, initial date of registration? \_\_\_\_\_ b. In what state? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Most recent date of registration \_\_\_\_\_ d. In what state? \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Are you registered to vote?**

Yes  No

a. If yes, in what state? \_\_\_\_\_ b. Date of registration: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Were you previously registered to vote in another state? \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Have you filed a Maryland state income tax return for the most recent year?**

Yes  No

If yes, list years you have filed Maryland income tax returns within the past 3 years.

a. Years filed: \_\_\_\_\_

b. If you did not file a tax return in Maryland within the last 12 months, state reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**8. Is Maryland state income tax currently being withheld from your pay? If no, please explain.**

Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

**9. Do you receive any public assistance from a state or local agency other than one in Maryland?**

Yes  No

a. If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information provided is complete and correct. I understand that the university reserves the right to request additional information if necessary. In the event the university discovers that false or misleading information has been provided, the student applicant may be billed by the university retroactively to recover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition for the current and subsequent terms.

10. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

Date

## Section 12. Character and Conduct

Answer all three questions. An affirmative response to any of these questions will not result in an automatic denial of admission or enrollment. All relevant circumstances will be considered. The University reserves the right to request further information from the applicant to verify the information disclosed. In addition, applicants who are admitted may be required, as a condition of participation in certain programs, to complete a Criminal History Consent Form and agree to a criminal background check. Providing false information to any of the questions set forth below will be grounds for rejecting an application, or, if you are admitted, expulsion.

- A. Have you been convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation?  YES  NO. If "yes," please explain and include in your explanation the crime(s) for which you were convicted, the court where the conviction was entered and the case docket number.
- B. Do you currently have criminal charges pending against you other than a minor traffic violation?  YES  NO. If "yes," please explain and include in your explanation the criminal charges that are pending, the court where the charges are pending and the case docket number.
- C. Have you ever received a less than honorable discharge from the military service?  YES  NO. If "yes" please explain:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 13. Life Experience

If you are not currently enrolled in a high school, college or university, what have you been doing of a non-academic nature since you left school?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Section 14. Supplemental Information/Essay (optional) and Activities

Using separate sheets of paper, supply additional information you feel will be of assistance in our consideration of your application. Please list your school and community service activities. For example: class officer, community volunteer, multicultural activities. Be sure to include information about any leadership roles. If you decide to submit an essay, the topic is up to you.

## Section 15. Awards

- A. Please indicate if you have received one of the following awards, and enclose a copy of your certificate.

National Merit Scholarship Program  Finalist  Semifinalist

Maryland Distinguished Scholar Program  Finalist  Semifinalist  Honorable Mention

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. If you are attending a community college, are you a member of Phi Theta Kappa?  Yes  No (If yes, please attach verification)

## Section 16. Please Check to Make Sure You Have . . .

- Enclosed a check or money order made payable to Towson University for \$45 (do not send cash).
- Enclosed photocopies of military orders, visa, permanent residence or refugee status, if applicable.
- Indicated your Social Security number and date of birth on application if applying for financial aid.
- Requested forwarding of all official SAT R/ACT results and high school transcripts if you have fewer than 30 transfer credits.
- Requested forwarding of all previous college transcripts whether or not you earned credit or attended part-time or full-time.
- Read all instructions carefully, including those describing the university's admissions standards.
- Answered all appropriate questions on this application form.

## Section 17. Candidate's Agreement (Please read carefully and sign)

I certify that the information recorded on this application is correct. I understand that failure to give complete and accurate information on this application will result in the immediate cancellation of my application for admission or, if enrolled, dismissal from the university. I also certify that I will supply all transcripts from every high school, college and university I have attended, whether part-time or full-time. If admitted to Towson University, I hereby agree to abide by all regulations and requirements of the university now in effect, and those that may be adopted during my residence as a student. If conditions affecting my status change, I will notify the Office of Admissions, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of such change.

In making this application, I accept and agree to abide by the policies and regulations of Towson University concerning drug and alcohol abuse and understand that the unlawful use of drugs or alcohol will subject me to the penalties contained in those policies and regulations.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

# High School Transcript and Recommendation Supplement

**To the Counselor:** Please return this transcript supplement with the applicant's official high school record to the address below.

This supplement is designed to provide you with the opportunity to give us additional information for the admission review. The information you provide can make a difference, since grades and test scores give only a partial picture. A copy of your high school profile will also assist us in the admission review.

Recommendation space is provided on the reverse side. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call our office.

**Academic Profile of** \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full legal name of applicant) (Date of birth)

Rank in class \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_  
(If available) Reported High School GPA on a 4.00 scale: Weighted \_\_\_\_\_ numerical value  
Unweighted \_\_\_\_\_ numerical value

This student is a candidate for (check one):

- Traditional freshman admission (will be graduating "on time" at conclusion of senior year).
- Early admission (wishes to enroll at Towson as a full-time student, immediately following junior year).  
Counselor's recommendation required (use reverse side of this form or submit a separate letter).
- Early high school graduation, with all graduation requirements to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Honors courses completed (grades 9–11): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of AP/IB courses completed (grades 9–11): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title of Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Office Phone No. ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**School Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this transcript supplement with the applicant's official high school record to:  
Office of Admissions, Towson University, 8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252-0001**

**For more information, call 410-704-2113 or 1-888-4TOWSON.**

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**PROFILE OF TRADITIONAL FRESHMAN APPLICANTS  
ADMITTED FOR FALL 2007**

GPA Ranges		SAT I Ranges	Verbal	Math
3.50+	51.6%	650+	8.5%	13.0%
3.00-3.49	45.9%	600-649	14.1%	18.3%
2.50-2.99	2.1%	550-599	23.0%	25.8%
< 2.50	.4%	500-549	28.3%	28.3%

Admission consideration is granted on the basis of the cumulative academic average in high school, test results and other supporting documentation when appropriate. (For more details, refer to the freshman admission requirements outlined in this publication.) Freshman admission candidates are also expected to have completed a college preparatory curriculum in high school, including four units of English, three units of social science, three units of science (two must have a lab component), three units of mathematics (one unit each of algebra I and algebra II and one unit of geometry) and two units of foreign language. Admission eligibility for the entering freshman will be partially determined by the student's completion of these minimum high school curriculum requirements.

Admission decisions are rendered on a rolling basis, as qualified applicants' admission materials are received and processed. Towson University reserves the right to close admission for any term once it is determined that space no longer remains in the freshman class.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- Recommended Highly
- Recommended
- Recommended with Reservations
- Not Recommended

I have known this student for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Signature of Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Honors College Application

## The Honors College at Towson University Great Students. Great Minds.

The Honors College at Towson University is a unique community where our most talented students achieve their academic potential. You'll be encouraged to develop your interests, cultivate your talents and achieve excellence in academics, research, service and individual development. You'll also have the opportunity to live and learn with your peers, as you explore the possibilities of what you want to become.

Admission to the Honors College is highly selective. Honors College students make up less than 10 percent of the incoming freshman class, and the 700 active honors students represent about 5 percent of all undergraduate students at Towson University. Freshmen enrolling in the Honors College in fall 2007 had an average SAT R score of 1883 (1256 verbal and math only) and an average weighted high school GPA of 3.91. All new freshman and transfer students admitted to the Honors College receive a renewable scholarship between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per year in addition to any other scholarships and grants they may receive. Current Towson University students are not guaranteed scholarships if admitted, but will be considered for a limited number of \$1,000 awards.

### Honors College Application Deadlines:

#### Fall 2009 Admission

New freshman applicants	February 2, 2009
New transfer applicants	March 2, 2009
Current Towson University students	June 1, 2009

### Honors College Admission Criteria:

**New freshman applicants:** Most Honors College students enter as freshmen during the fall term. All students must complete this application to be considered for admission to the Honors College. Applicants are guaranteed admission if they meet both of the following criteria:

- Unweighted GPA of 3.70 or greater on a 4.00 scale
- Score of 1800 or greater on the SAT R

Students who meet only one of these criteria are strongly encouraged to apply, and may be admitted after a more comprehensive review that focuses on course selection and the rigor of the high school curriculum, as well as leadership activities and a well-written, thoughtful essay. For fall 2008, about 50 percent of admitted students met both criteria for automatic admission.

**New transfer applicants:** Transfer students who have completed two or more semesters in college must have a minimum 3.50 college GPA for consideration. Transfer applicants with only one semester of college grades may apply with less than a 3.50 GPA and have their high school record and SAT scores considered as well. Students enrolled in an honors program at their current institution receive special consideration for admission. Transfer students may have a maximum of 6 honors units (in addition to 3 units of Honors English) credited toward their 24-unit honors requirements at Towson University.

**Current Towson University students:** Current TU students who apply will be considered after final grades are posted in the term they apply. Students with less than a 3.50 cumulative GPA or more than 60 completed course units will not be considered.

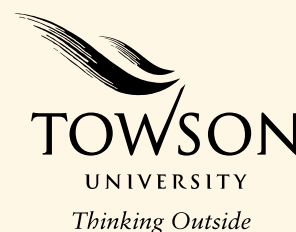
### The Honors College at a Glance:

- early registration for classes
- small classes of 10 to 20 students
- courses covering content in depth, using innovative techniques
- learning opportunities outside of class such as internships, research and study abroad
- flexibility to pursue any of Towson University's majors
- opportunity to live in honors residence halls
- special social, cultural and leadership opportunities
- individualized academic and professional advising
- a renewable merit scholarship of at least \$1,000 per year

**To learn more about the Honors College at Towson University**  
visit [www.towson.edu/honors](http://www.towson.edu/honors), e-mail [honors@towson.edu](mailto:honors@towson.edu) or call 410-704-4677.

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# Honors College Application

To be considered for the Honors College at Towson University, you must complete this application after you have submitted the regular Towson University Application for Undergraduate Admission. We encourage applicants for fall 2009 admission to apply for admission to Towson University by December 1, 2008 for best consideration for admissions-based merit scholarships in addition to the Honors College scholarship.

Applying as:  new freshman  new transfer  current TU student

If you have already been admitted to Towson University, please provide your 7-digit TU ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_  Undecided

Current High School or College \_\_\_\_\_

Unweighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank \_\_\_\_\_

4.00 scale  100 point scale  other (specify)

Academic Awards \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities:** List the three extracurricular activities most important to you. You must list the three most important activities in this chart even if you attach a separate list or resume.

Activity	Position or Awards	Years

**Transcript:** Please send a copy of your current transcript to the Honors College. An unofficial copy is sufficient for this application. Transfer applicants with less than two full semesters of college grades should send a copy of both high school and college transcripts. You must still have an official transcript sent to admissions for your regular TU application.

**SAT:** Make sure you have had your most recent SAT scores sent to Towson University by ETS. You may substitute ACT scores if you have not taken the SAT.

**Essay:** Write a 2–3 page (typed and double spaced) essay that describes your personal history and experiences and why you would like to participate in the Honors College at Towson University. Please include any additional information you would like us to consider in evaluating your application.

**Applicant Agreement:** I understand that failure to give complete and accurate information on this application will result in cancellation of this application or dismissal from the Honors College if I am enrolled.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application, copy of transcript and essay to  
The Honors College at Towson University, 8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252-0001.**

**Please do not mail the Honors College Application with the  
TU Application for Undergraduate Admission.**

# Important Deadlines

What's Due?	Spring 2009 Applicants	Fall 2009 Freshman and Transfer Scholarship Applicants	Fall 2009 Regular Decision Applicants
Application for Undergraduate Admission	November 15, 2008	December 1, 2008	February 15, 2009
FAFSA (if applying for financial aid)*	As soon as possible	January 31, 2009	January 31, 2009
Enrollment Contract and Deposit	December 1 or two weeks after you receive your offer of admission, whichever is later	May 1 or two weeks after you receive your offer of admission, whichever is later	
Housing Contract and Deposit**			

**The enclosed Honors College Application is required if you are applying for admission to the Honors College.**

\* If you have already processed a FAFSA to attend another school, call 1-800-4FEDAID and request that your FAFSA results be sent to the Towson University Office of Financial Aid.

\*\* New freshmen interested in living in on-campus housing should go to [www.towson.edu/housing](http://www.towson.edu/housing) and click on "Request Housing" as soon as possible. There are two housing options: University Housing and West Village. New freshmen for fall 2009 are guaranteed on-campus housing if they complete either of the online housing requests (University Housing or West Village) by 5 p.m. (ET) on May 1, 2009. After May 1, new freshmen will only be able to apply for on-campus housing on a space-available basis. Housing for transfer students is extremely limited and will be offered on a space-available basis. Transfer students should call Housing and Residence Life at 410-704-2516 for more information.

Spring 2009 Applicants—Students admitted for spring 2009 who are interested in living in university housing should call Housing and Residence Life at 410-704-2516 to request to be placed on an interest list for spring housing. Housing for the spring term is not guaranteed, and housing contracts will be offered on a space available basis.

## Please Note

**By providing an active e-mail address on your application:**

- we will send an e-mail confirming receipt of your application.
- we will send official Towson University communications throughout the application process.

**Make sure you have provided the correct e-mail address on Section 2 of the TU Application for Undergraduate Admission.**