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**STUDENT'S SECTION: (PLEASE PRINT)**

Before you complete this form, please carefully read this information.

- If you want to apply for need-based grants and federal subsidized loans that are interest free during school, you must provide your parents financial data on the FAFSA form unless you meet the FAFSA requirements to apply as an independent student.
- If you can't request your parent's data because of family problems, instead of completing this form, please contact us to explore an [Appeal for Independent Status](#). If we can approve an appeal, you could become eligible for grants and/or subsidized loans.

If you don't qualify for a Dependency Appeal and your parents choose not to provide FAFSA data, you can use this form to request authorization to borrow a Federal Unsubsidized Direct Student loan without providing parent FAFSA data.

- This process will only allow you to borrow an Unsubsidized Direct Student Loan for these annual loan limits: \$5,500 Freshman, \$6,500 Sophomores, and \$7,500 Juniors and Seniors.
- You will not be eligible to apply for any need-based grants, Federal Direct Subsidized loans, or Federal work-study funds.
- In addition to this form, if you haven't already done so, you must complete all student sections of the FAFSA. The [FAFSA web site](#) will allow you to submit a FAFSA without parent data if you choose the Unsubsidized Loan only option.

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Student Name (Last, First): | TU ID#: |
| Student Signature:          | Date:   |

**PARENT'S SECTION: (PLEASE PRINT)**

- If your child does not meet any of the FAFSA criteria to apply for aid as an independent student, then federal regulations will not allow them to apply for any grants or interest free loans unless you provide parent data on their FAFSA. These regulations apply even if you are not providing any financial support and even if you have not listed them as an exemption on your tax return.
- If your child was supported by other relatives or friends, we can't use their data and are still required to collect parent data.
- We also can't waive this requirement based on low parent income because the federal formula already considers financial need.

Check one or both statements below:

- I refuse to complete the parental section of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- I stopped providing financial support to the student including payment of educational costs, as well as all other cash and non-cash support to the student such as room and/or board) as of the following date \_\_\_\_\_ and I will not provide financial support to the student in the future. (MM/DD/YYYY)

Parent's Name: (please print last, first, mi) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (street) \_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission Methods** (Choose one.) - Please include student's name and TU ID Number.

| Document Upload  | Fax          | Mail  | In Person   |
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| Scan this page upload it to <a href="http://www.towson.edu/SubmitAidDocs">www.towson.edu/SubmitAidDocs</a> . | 410-704-2584 | Towson University<br>Financial Aid Office<br>8000 York Road<br>Towson, MD 21252 | Room 339<br>Enrollment Services Center<br>Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30 |

## Description of the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan Program

These are the annual Unsubsidized Loan limits for this FAFSA Refusal Process:

| <b>Student Academic Level</b>               | <b>Unsubsidized Loan Limit</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Freshman (0-29 earned units)                | \$5,500*                       |
| Sophomore (30-59 earned units)              | \$6,500*                       |
| Junior and Senior (60 or more earned units) | \$7,500*                       |

\*Annual Direct Unsubsidized Loans and other aid also can't exceed the student's Cost of Education Budget.

*Unsubsidized Direct Student loans* accrue interest from the time the unsubsidized loans are disbursed until they are paid in full. You can pay the interest or allow it to accrue (accumulate) and be capitalized (that is, added to the principal amount of the loan). Capitalizing the interest will increase the amount owed.

After you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time enrollment, you will have a six-month "grace period" before you begin repayment. During this period, you'll receive repayment information, and you'll be notified of your first payment due date. You are responsible for beginning repayment on time, even if you do not receive this information. Payments are usually due monthly. During the grace period on an unsubsidized loan, you do not have to pay any principal, but interest will continue to accrue. You can either pay the interest or it will be capitalized (added to your principal loan balance, thus increasing the amount you will repay).

In addition to charging interest on the loan, the U.S. Department of Education, as the lender, takes a loan **Origination Fee** of 1 to 2 percent of the loan, deducted proportionately from each loan disbursement.

For more information on Federal Direct **Unsubsidized** Loans, including current interest and Origination Fee rates, repayment plans, cancellations, and deferments, see <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans>