



Documentation of Independent Status

Student Name (Last, First):	TU I.D. #:
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Federal aid regulations classify students as independent if they meet at least one of the criteria listed below.

- Check the appropriate criteria box, and **attach the required documentation**.
- If none of these criteria apply, but you still think you should be considered independent because of significant problems in your relationship with your parents, then please contact our office to discuss your situation. Eligible students can appeal for independent status using the "[Appeal for Independent Status](#)" form. (Visit [www.towson.edu/aidforms](http://www.towson.edu/aidforms))

Criteria	Required Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> You have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with you and who will receive more than half of their support from you, from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A signed statement with the name, age, and last 4 digits of dependents SSN</li> <li>• Your 2017 IRS tax transcript</li> <li>• Documentation of the dependent person's address</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> At any time when you were age 13 or older, both of your parents were deceased, you were in foster care, or you were a dependent/ward of the court.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court documents or death certificates of both parents</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> You were or are an emancipated minor as determined by a court or you were or are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court Documents</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> A court in your state, placed you in the in the legal custody of someone other than your biological or adoptive parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court Documents</li> <li>• "<b>Documentation of Legal Custody</b>" form, which can be found at: <a href="http://www.towson.edu/aidforms">www.towson.edu/aidforms</a></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> You are a homeless or unaccompanied youth, defined as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on or after July 1, 2018, a high school or school district homeless liaison determined that you are an unaccompanied homeless youth,</li> <li>• or on or after July 1, 2018, an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined that you are an unaccompanied homeless youth,</li> <li>• or on or after July 1, 2018, a director of a runaway or homeless youth center or transitional living program determined that you are an unaccompanied homeless youth or are self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.</li> </ul>	Submit a " <b>Verification of Homelessness</b> " form which can be found at: <a href="http://www.towson.edu/aidforms">www.towson.edu/aidforms</a>

Student Signature:	Date:
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Mail or	Fax or	In Person
Towson University Financial Aid 8000 York Road Towson, MD 21252-0001	410-704-2584	Enrollment Services Center Room 339 Monday – Thursday 8:00 – 5:00 Friday 8:00 – 4:30

Please do not submit forms by email.

Please do not call to confirm receipt of faxes.

- Please wait at least 2 business days.
- Then check your online To-Do-List.