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)

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| □ 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. | • A signed statement with the name, age, and last 4 digits of dependents SSN  
• Your 2017 IRS tax transcript  
• Documentation of the dependent person’s address |
| □ 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. | • Court documents or death certificates of both parents |
| □ 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. | • Court Documents |
| □ A court in your state, placed you in the in the legal custody of someone other than your biological or adoptive parents | • Court Documents  
• “Documentation of Legal Custody” form, which can be found at: www.towson.edu/aidforms |
| □ You are a homeless or unaccompanied youth, defined as follows:  
- on or after July 1, 2018, a high school or school district homeless liaison determined that you are an unaccompanied homeless youth,  
- 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,  
- 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. | Submit a “Verification of Homelessness” form which can be found at: www.towson.edu/aidforms |

Student Signature: ___________________________  Date: __________

Mail or  Fax or  In Person

|                           | 410-704-2584           | Enrollment Services Center  
|                           |                         | Room 339  
| Towson University Financial Aid |                         | Monday – Thursday 8:00 – 5:00  
| 8000 York Road            |                         | Friday 8:00 – 4:30  
| Towson, MD 21252-0001     |                         |  

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.

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