If your family has experienced a major reduction in income, the Financial Aid Office may be able to reevaluate your financial need based on your 2019 income or your total projected 2020 income. Please realize that grant funds are limited and, if additional aid is available, it will often take the form of a new or increased loan.

- If you had to provide parent data on your FAFSA, complete this form as a “Dependent” student.
- If you were not required to provide any parent data on your FAFSA, complete this form as an “Independent” student.

Please provide as much information as possible. Each request is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Because of the individualized nature of these requests, we may need to request additional information. If we do, we will contact you after our initial review.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1) **If I submitted an approved Special Conditions Form for 2019-20, do I need to resubmit all of my documents?**

   If we reevaluated your eligibility for 2019-20 aid based on projected 2019 income, we need final tax data to evaluate your 2020-21 eligibility. Please submit this form, and the documents requested in Part II and IV. If you have not yet filed 2019 taxes, please keep in mind that you will be required to submit them once they are complete. If you previously submitted the 2018 tax documentation listed in Part 4, you don’t need to resubmit it.

2) **What if I have business, self-employment, or irregular income?**

   For reductions in 2019 income:
   We are unable to accurately predict business or self-employment income without your final federal tax return. Please submit a copy of your (or your parents) 2019 tax return.

   For reductions in 2020 income:
   We are unable to accurately project irregular income (self-employment, businesses, overtime or irregular hours) before the year is over. We can’t process your request until you have filed your 2020 taxes and can provide a Tax Return. If your request is submitted in 2021, we can usually retroactively award you any federal aid for which you were eligible for fall 2020.

3) **What if I have a tax extension for 2019?**

   Please follow the instructions in Part II and provide your 2019 year-end tax data (i.e. W-2s, final paystubs). If you are unable to provide a final 2019 tax transcript data by 6/1/2020 because of an approved tax extension, you must:


   Please keep in mind that if there were any errors in the data you provided for 2019, we might have to reduce your aid. These changes will occur after your aid has disbursed for the fall semester and may result in a balance to the university, which may prevent students from registering for spring classes if not paid immediately.
TU 2020-21 Special Conditions Form

Part I – Household Information

Student Name (Last, First, M.I.): [ ]

TU ID #: [ ]

1) Complete Section A or Section B:

A. Parent(s) Of Dependent Students:

1) Marital Status of Your Legal Parents:

- [ ] Married or Remarried (including stepparents)
- [ ] Single Parent/ Never Married
- [ ] Divorced or Separated & Living Apart
- [ ] Widowed
- [ ] Unmarried and Both Parents Living Together

(Only choose this option if your parent is living with someone that s/he is not currently married to and that person is your biological or legal parent as defined by the laws in your state.)

2) List all the people in your parents’ financial household from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

- Include yourself & your parent(s) as defined above. If your parent is remarried, you must include your stepparent’s data.
- Include your parents’ other children if your parents will provide more than half of their support from 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021, or if the children would be required to provide your parents’ information if they were completing a 2020-2021 FAFSA. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they don’t live with your parent(s) or are too young to attend college.
- Only include other people if they will live with your parent(s) and will receive more than half of their financial support from them from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

OR

B. Independent Students:

1) Student Marital Status:

- [ ] Single
- [ ] Married / Remarried
- [ ] Married, but separated
- [ ] Divorced or Widowed

2) List the people in your financial household.

- Include yourself (and your spouse). (If you are separated, do not include your spouse or his/her data on this form.)
- Include your children if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, or if the children would be required to provide your parental information if they were completing a 2020-2021 FAFSA. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with you.
- Include other people if they will live with you and receive more than half of their financial support from you from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

2) Complete all columns for every household member. Don’t leave “Age” or “Relationship” blank.

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<th>Age</th>
<th>Will they attend college at least half-time?</th>
<th>If yes, list College Name</th>
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1 Only check “Yes” for college if they will be seeking a degree or certificate and attending at least half-time between 7/1/2020 and 6/30/2021.

2 If they are undecided about which college they will attend, please list the names of ALL the colleges they are considering at the bottom of this page or on an attached separate sheet with your name and TU ID number.

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Part II - Adjustment Type

Check all the conditions below that describe your situation and attach the required documentation.

- Parent or spouse of student died after filing 2020-21 FAFSA.
  □ Enter the date of death: ________________  □ Attach a copy of the death certificate.

- Parents have separated or a married independent student has separated, after filing 2020-21 FAFSA.
  □ Enter date of marital separation: ________________.
  □ Attach a copy of legal separation agreement or official letter from attorney stating when legal proceedings will begin.

- Loss of one-time income source received in 2018 (i.e. severance, 401k distribution, pension distribution, etc)
  □ Source of income: ______________________________
  □ Attach supporting documentation of lost income source

- Untaxed income received in 2018 has ceased or has been reduced (i.e. child support ended).
  □ Enter date of change: ________________.
  □ Attach supporting documentation of lost untaxed income. (Example: Divorce agreement for child support change.)

- Parent, spouse or student suffered permanent and total disability after January 1, 2019.
  □ Enter date of disability: ________________.
  □ Attach a signed letter from a physician stating the extent and duration of disability
  □ Attach documentation of year-to-date income
  □ Attach a Disability Benefit Statement from the Social Security Administration

- Parents of a dependent student or an independent student (and spouse, if married) experienced a significant reduction in annual income since 2018 because of job loss or reduction in pay/hours.

- Parent/spouse/student reported unusually high medical expense deductions on their 2018 or 2019 federal tax return.
  □ Which year were they highest? ___2018 ___ 2019
  □ Submit a signed copy of your 2018 or 2019 Tax Return and a copy of your IRS Schedule A (Itemized Deductions)
  We can only consider medical expenses that were already reported on your federal tax return.
Part III – Required Documentation (forms without documentation will not be reviewed)

1) Will your total annual household income be lowest for 2019 or 2020 (check one)?

   ___ 2019 ___ 2020

2) Provide the required documentation for the year you selected above.

   **Required Documentation for 2019:**
   - □ Dependent Students: Parents signed 2019 Tax Return and 2019 W2s
   - □ Independent Students: Student (and spouse, if married) signed 2019 Tax Return and 2019 W2s

   **Required Documentation for 2020:**
   - □ Employer letter/document stating when your employment ended or changed.
   - □ Unemployment Benefits Statement, if applicable
   - □ Final Paystub from prior job (with details about your current and year-to-date earnings)
   - □ Most recent pay stubs from all current jobs for student and parents or spouse.
   - □ Estimated 2020 Worksheet in Part IV (next page)

   If you have self-employment income, business income, inconsistent hours, or overtime pay, we may not be able to process your request until your 2020 taxes have been filed.

3) Please check the Student’s 2018 Tax Filing Status. (Married students must answer for student and spouse.)

   - □ I filed a 2018 Federal Tax Return*
   - □ I filed a 2018 Amended Federal Tax Return (1040X)
   - □ I did not file a 2018 tax return, and did not have any 2018 income.
   - □ I did not file a 2018 tax return, was not required to file a 2018 tax return, but did have 2018 income.

   If you checked this box, you must complete the table below.

   

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4) All students must attach all of the 2018 documentation listed below.

   - □ Student’s 2018 signed Tax Return
   - □ Student’s 2018 W2 (or 1099) forms for all 2018 employers
   - □ Independent Students: If you did not file a tax return, you must submit an IRS “Verification of Non-filing Letter.”

   See the Non-Filing Status Documentation Methods at [www.towson.edu/verification2020-21](http://www.towson.edu/verification2020-21)

   All Dependent Students must also submit:

   - □ Parent’s 2018 signed Tax Return
     (If your parents didn’t file a joint return, you must submit Tax Returns for both parents from part I.)
   - □ Parent’s 2018 W2 (or 1099) forms for all 2018 employers
   - □ If parent’s did not file, IRS “Verification of Non-filing Letter”

   All Married Students must also submit:

   - □ Spouses 2018 signed Tax Return
   - □ Spouses 2018 W2 (or 1099) forms for all 2017 employers
   - □ If spouse did not file, IRS “Verification of Non-filing Letter”

If you submit this form after 1/1/2021, you must also submit copies of your 2020 W2 or 1099 forms listed above, and a signed copy of your 2020 Tax Return
Part IV- Estimated 2020 Income

If your total 2020 income will be lower than your 2019 income, you must complete this section.

- Complete both tables. Report all of your income before exemptions, adjustments, and deductions.
- Include all income/benefits that you or your parents/spouse expect to receive from 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2021.
- Complete all items. If an item doesn’t apply, you must enter “0”.

### 2020 Estimated Gross Taxable Income

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1. Wages, salaries, tips (include severance pay) $ $  
2. Pensions and annuities $ $  
3. Interest and dividends and capital gains $ $  
4. Business or farm income $ $  
5. Social Security benefits (taxable) $ $  
6. Income received from rents after expenses (mortgage interest, taxes, and insurance) $ $  
7. Alimony $ $  
8. Unemployment compensation $ $  
9. Any other taxed income $ $  

**Total 2020 Estimated Taxed Income (1 - 9)** $ $  

### 2020 Estimated Untaxed Income

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1. Payment to tax deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings). Including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D,E,F,G,H and S. $ $  
2. Deductible IRA and/or Keogh, SEP, and SIMPLE payments. $ $  
3. Child Support received for all children. $ $  
4. Tax exempt interest income. $ $  
5. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions. $ $  
6. Untaxed portions of pensions. $ $  
7. Living and housing allowances for clergy, military and others.  
   - Include cash payments or cash value of benefits.  
   - Exclude rent subsidies for low income housing.  
   - Members of the military should only report their total Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) benefits for 2020. Do not report any military housing benefits (BAH, BAQ, or the value of on-base military housing). $ $  
8. Veteran’s Non-educational benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and /or VA Educational Work-Study allowances. $ $  
9. Any other untaxed income and benefits such as Workers Compensation, disability, etc. $ $  
10. Cash support or money paid on behalf of the student or the family. $ $  
11. Cash or any money paid on your behalf, not reported elsewhere on this form.  
   - List Type: $ $  
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**Total 2020 Estimated Untaxed Income (1-12)** $ $
Part V - EXPLANATION AND CERTIFICATION

1) Please explain your special circumstances and provide specific details about the changes in your financial situation since 2018. Include a timeline of any income changes and relevant employer names.

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2) Was the coronavirus epidemic a contributing cause of your financial changes? ☐ Yes ☐ No.
   If yes, please briefly explain how:

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

3) CERTIFICATION
   ☐ I certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
   ☐ I understand that if I underestimate my income, I may have to repay any aid that I receive based on that data.
   ☐ I understand that your office may need to request additional documentation.

   Student Signature_____________________________________________ Date________________________

   Parent Signature________________________________________________ Date________________________

   Name of Parent (please print)_______________________________________________________________

You will receive a response to this request 2 to 4 weeks after receipt of all required documentation.

Return application by

- Fax: 410-704-2584
- Email: finaid@towson.edu. Please scan all pages into a single PDF document.

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