

Foster Care Tuition Waiver Fact Sheet

To qualify for this waiver, you must meet all of the Additional Eligibility Requirements and all of the Foster Care requirements.

Foster Care Eligibility Requirements:

- You must have been placed in an out-of-home placement by the Maryland Department of Human Resources.
- You must also meet one of the following criteria:
 - resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland on your 18th birthday or at the time you graduated from high school or successfully completed a general equivalency development examination (GED).
 - resided in an out-of-home placement on your 13th birthday and were then placed into guardianship or adopted after your 13th birthday
 - resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland for at least 1 year on or after your 13th birthday and returned to live with your parents after the out-of-home placement ended.
 - your older sibling met the placement and guardianship/adoption criteria above, and you were placed into guardianship or adopted out of an out-of-home placement by the same guardianship or adoptive family in accordance with § 5-525.2(A) of the Family Law Article.
- The Maryland Department of Human Resources must confirm that you are eligible for the waiver.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

- You must enroll at Towson University as a degree-seeking undergraduate on or before age 25.
- You may receive this waiver for **ten years** from your first date of enrollment as an associate's degree or bachelor's degree candidate at a public college or university in Maryland; or until you earn a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- **Every year**, you must submit a **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Follow the instructions and deadlines at www.towson.edu/fafsa.

Maximum Waiver Amount:

- You may only receive a waiver for the cost of your Tuition and Mandatory course fees.
- The waiver can never be applied toward room, board, books, or other non-course charges.
- If you receive other grants or scholarships, this **Tuition & Fees Waiver** will not be reduced based on those grants/scholarships, but in some cases the regulations for your other grants and scholarships could require reductions to those grants and scholarships based on your **Tuition & Fees Waiver**.



Foster Care Tuition Waiver Application

Application Process & Deadlines:

- 1) **Every year**, submit a **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
Follow the instructions and deadlines at www.towson.edu/fafsa.
- 2) If either of the following conditions apply, you must also submit this form:
 - If this is the first term that you are requesting a waiver at TU, submit this form.
 - If you are taking a summer course at TU, submit this form.
- 3) After you have received your first approved Foster Care Waiver, we should automatically reevaluate your eligibility for renewal of the waiver for the following fall or spring term. If your waiver has not been applied, please submit this form to request the waiver.

Student Name:	TU I.D. #:
Student Signature:	Date:
Requested Term(s): Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer 20 _____	

Return this form by <u>one</u> of the following methods:			
Mail or	Fax or	E-mail or	In Person
Towson University Financial Aid, Scholarship Unit 8000 York Road Towson, MD 21252-0001	410-704-4634	scholarship@towson.edu	Enrollment Services Center Room 339 Mon – Thur 8:00 - 5:00 Friday 8:00 - 4:30