The Hussman Center for Adults with Autism: CAPS Program Financial Aid Information
A grant awarded to the Hussman Center by the Jill Fox Memorial Fund allows us to provide a limited number financial awards to students who meet the criteria for this Award. We may have different but very limited financial awards available for students who meet criteria 1, 2, and 5 but not criteria 3 and 4.

The Jill Fox Memorial Fund Award Criteria
1. Admission to Towson University as a degree seeking or non-degree seeking student for the current semester(s) for which the applicant wishes to enroll in the College Autism Peer Support (CAPS) program.
2. Acceptance into the College Autism Peer Support for the semester(s) for which the student has applied, including student commitment to participating in the CAPS program and commitment to the meetings, activities, and documentation involved with the program
3. Official status as a resident of the State of Maryland (confirmed by Towson University Admissions)
4. Documented diagnosis of autism from a health care provider
5. Documented financial need based on a modified version of the standard federal student financial need model. See attached description of the process for determining financial need for the Jill Fox Memorial Program Award.

The Jill Fox Memorial Fund Award Determination Process
The following process will be used:
1. Applicants will be required to complete the standard Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The review process will use the FAFSA information for the current academic calendar year.
2. Financial need will be determined through Towson University’s Financial Aid Office based on the student’s Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from their FAFSA and his/her projected educational costs and other aid for the academic year.
   o If the student is enrolled (or will be enrolled) as a degree seeking student at Towson University his/her educational costs will be calculated based on two semesters of CAPS program costs, plus the standard federal financial Cost of Attendance budget for their degree program minus any other grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, or other non-loan financial aid that he/she is receiving to help pay those costs. For the Jill Fox Memorial Fund Awards, student loan recommendations will not be included in determining “unmet financial need” for University expenses.
   o If the student is a non-degree seeking student, his/her financial need will be calculated based upon educational costs associated with two semesters in the CAPS program.
3. If unmet financial need is determined to exist, a Jill Fox Memorial Fund Award will be offered of up to 80% of the CAPS program cost.

The Jill Fox Memorial Fund Award Allocation Process
Once an award is made, the award funding for the semester will be applied to the total cost of the program. The student will be billed for the balance of the cost of the CAPS program.

The total number of awards made will be dependent upon the number of applications and the level of financial need of students who apply.