APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

Admissions Office Merit Scholarships
Towson University’s Admissions Office offers a number of merit-based scholarships to full-time incoming freshman and transfer students. Selection is competitive. Awards are based on academic achievements without regard to financial need. To apply for these scholarships, submit a Fall Application for Admission, transcripts and test results by December 1. Recipients are notified before March 1. (No FAFSA or other application forms are required.)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Students must complete the FAFSA to apply for federal student and parent loans, most need-based grant programs, Federal Work-study funds and some scholarship programs.

• Apply online every year at www.towson.edu/afasa.
• Towson University’s FAFSA Code is 002099.

TU Priority Deadline for 2018-2019
• The online FAFSA opens every year on October 1.
• To apply for need-based grants from TU, you must submit your FAFSA by January 17.
• Several days later, return to the FAFSA web site, review the accuracy of your data and all comments, and make sure that your “Expected Family Contribution (EFC)” is not blank.

Late FAFSA Applications:
If you miss the Priority deadline, you should submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after the deadline, but you will only be considered for Federal Pell Grants, federal loans and some scholarships.

Admissions and the FAFSA
• You should submit the FAFSA by the deadlines listed above. You should not wait until you receive your admissions decision.
• Aid applications have no influence on students’ selections for admission.

State Aid Programs
Legal residents of the state of Maryland can apply for Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) aid programs. They offer grants and scholarships based on financial need or merit, or a combination of both. Many of these aid programs only require the FAFSA, but some require additional application steps. MHEC has a March 1 FAFSA deadline. For more details, visit www.mhec.state.md.us (http://www.mhec.state.md.us) or call 410-260-4565.

Transfer Applicants
Institutionally based financial aid will not transfer from a prior school to Towson University, and other aid offers may change.

• Students who receive aid from MHEC must visit https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us to reassign their awards to Towson University.
• Students who transfer in spring or summer must visit www.fafsa.gov (http://www.fafsa.gov) and make corrections to add Towson University’s School Code (002099) to their current FAFSA.

TU Scholarship Seeker
For information on scholarships from other university departments and the state of Maryland, visit the Scholarship Seeker (https://inside.towson.edu/scholarshipSeeker/TU-Scholarships.html).

Private Scholarships
A wide variety of private organizations offer scholarships including businesses, foundations, and civic organizations. Visit Private Scholarships (https://www.towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/programs/scholarships/private.html).

Explore Towson University’s Departmental Scholarships
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