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Student Name: (Last, First)	TU ID#:
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2) I am requesting *independent status* for the **2025-2026** school year. The conditions, under which I previously requested independent status, as they relate to my financial aid eligibility, are the same as they were when I originally appealed to TU. In addition to the issues discussed in my appeal, I still do not live with my parents or receive any financial support from them. I understand that if I give false or misleading information on this federal aid application, I may be subject to a fine of up to \$20,000, up to 5 years in prison, or both.

- If all statements are true, sign here: 

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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- If the statements are **not** all true, please attach a signed explanation.

If you disclose any information regarding current or previous childhood abuse or neglect, state law requires TU staff to report the information to MD's office of [Child Protective Services](#) even if the events occurred years ago.

3) If you haven't already submitted your 2025-2026 FAFSA, submit it on-line at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

When you submit your FAFSA on-line, you will probably answer "No" to all the questions in the *Dependency Determination* section.

- In the *Unusual Circumstance* section, indicate that you are "unable to provide parent information."
- Do not provide any parent data."

If you already submitted your FAFSA, when did you submit it? \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

4) Submit this form to the *TU Financial Aid Office* by these **deadlines**.

**TU Priority Deadline:** Submit your FAFSA by **5/1/2025**.

You must meet this deadline for priority consideration for grants from TU.

5) If we approve your renewal request, we will change your FAFSA status to Independent.

If you are a Maryland resident, we will also notify the *Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)*.

6) **Submission Methods** - Choose one of these submission methods.

Document Upload	Fax	Mail	In Person
Scan documents and upload to <a href="http://www.towson.edu/SubmitAidDocs">www.towson.edu/SubmitAidDocs</a> . Please combine multiple pages into a single PDF file.	410-704-2584	Towson University Financial Aid Office 8000 York Road Towson, MD 21252	Room 339 Enrollment Services Center Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30

Please allow us 4 to 5 days to remove document requests from your To-Dos.