

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



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You must have been placed in an out-of-home placement by the Maryland Department of Human Resources and must also meet one of the following criteria:

You 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 examination (GED).

You resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland for at least 1 year on or after your 13th birthday and you were placed into guardianship, adopted, or reunited with at least one of your parents after the out-of-home placement ended.

Your older sibling met the placement and guardianship/adoption criteria above, and you were concurrently placed into guardianship or adopted out of an out-of-home placement by the same guardianship or adoptive family.

The Maryland Department of Human Resources must confirm that you are eligible for the waiver.



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You must enroll at Towson University as a degree-seeking undergraduate on or before age 25.

You may receive this waiver for up to 12 months 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.

When you apply for financial aid, you must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA). Follow the instructions below.



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You may only receive a waiver for the cost of tuition and mandatory academic fees.

We can't waive campus housing, meal plans, or other non-course charges

If you study abroad, this waiver can only be applied to approved programs. For more information about these requirements and the different types of study abroad programs, review the [study abroad aid requirements](#)

If you receive other grants or scholarships, this 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 this waiver.

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