Am I eligible to be an EOF Scholar?
To participate in the Rutgers EOF program, you must apply for undergraduate admission to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and meet the following requirements:

1. You must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen with a valid Permanent Resident Card (I-551 or I-555C), I-94 (with refugee status or asylum granted), T-visa (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.), or other qualified status under Title IV federal aid regulations detailed at studentaid.rutgers.edu. You must also be a New Jersey resident for at least one year prior to your fall semester of enrollment.

2. You must be a first-generation college student (i.e., your parents are not four-year college graduates).

3. You must have received a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma by the time you register at Rutgers. In addition, you and your family must have a documented history of academic and financial disadvantage and meet the income guidelines listed on the EOF income eligibility scale (see below). Families who have accumulated assets or have ownership on the EOF income eligibility scale (see below).

What is EOF?
The New Jersey EOF program contributes to the development of a college-educated public that reflects the diversity of New Jersey. The program enables access to higher education for students from families and communities disadvantaged by low income and lack of access to quality educational preparation leading to college attendance. The EOF program focuses on student success and readily prepares scholars for the changing world of work, and to assume positions of leadership in their communities and the state.

What are the benefits of EOF?
Financial: Eligible EOF Scholars will receive an EOF grant each semester as part of their financial aid package. EOF Scholars who are program compliant can also apply to receive financial assistance for registration in summer session courses, study abroad programs, and other special funding opportunities to enhance their educational experience.

Academic: Incoming first-year EOF Scholars attend the EOF Summer Institute, an academic, residential program designed to smooth the transition from high school to Rutgers. EOF Scholars also have access to unique course offerings such as effective study strategies, LSAT/GRE preparation, and specialized seminars, as well as free tutoring services and learning needs assessment.

Support: EOF Scholars are offered added counseling and advising support services including academic advising, personal counseling, and career and financial aid counseling through personal EOF counselors. Student leadership development opportunities are available through participation in EOF student organizations, peer mentoring, legislative advocacy, and community service.

For more important information about the Rutgers EOF program, please visit: admissions.rutgers.edu/eof

EOF Income Eligibility Scale 2015–2016

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Websites and Phone Numbers
Office of University Undergraduate Admissions
admissions.rutgers.edu
732-445-4900 (4636)

Office of Financial Aid
studentaid.rutgers.edu

Rutgers University–New Brunswick EOF
(includes School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers Business School, and Mason Gross School of the Arts)
access.rutgers.edu
848-932-7067

Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy EOF
848-445-6263

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences EOF
848-932-5738

School of Engineering EOF
848-445-2687

School of Nursing EOF
973-353-3846

Rutgers University–Newark EOF
www.ncas.rutgers.edu/afc/eof
973-353-3574

Rutgers University–Camden EOF
eof.camden.rutgers.edu
856-225-6107

Scholar’s Guide and Checklist
Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)
EOF Program Checklist

During your senior year ...

September–October

☐ Register for the SAT or the ACT. Visit the SAT website at sat.collegeboard.org or the ACT website at actstudent.org for details about registration, testing, and fee waiver qualifications. Please note that Rutgers only accepts the ACT taken with the optional writing test.

☐ List Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, as one of the four institutions to receive official electronic standardized test scores. Use SAT code 2765 or ACT code 2592.

November–December

☐ Submit the Rutgers undergraduate admissions application online at admissions.rutgers.edu/apply by November 1 (early action) or by December 1 (regular action). The application fee is deferred when you complete the supplemental EOF application and will be waived if you qualify for the program. Please carefully review the EOF eligibility requirements.

☐ Complete the supplemental EOF application as part of your undergraduate admissions application. You will need your and/or your parent(s) taxable and nontaxable income statements from the year prior to the current year to complete this form.

☐ Submit your Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR), which allows you to enter and submit your academic record electronically to Rutgers. The SRAR is a required credential for your Rutgers application.

☐ Apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Federal Student Aid Personal Identification Number (PIN) at pin.ed.gov. You and your parent must each apply for a PIN, which serves as your electronic signature and allows you to access your personal records linked to your FAFSA.

January

☐ File the FAFSA after January 1 at fafsa.ed.gov and list Rutgers’ federal school code 002629. The FAFSA should be filed no later than March 15. Using the IRS data retrieval tool to transfer data makes filing the FAFSA easier and can speed the financial award process later.

☐ Check the status of your undergraduate admissions application to ensure that all required credentials have been received. Go to admissions.rutgers.edu and click on “My Status.”

February–March

☐ Review the Student Aid Report (SAR) you will receive after your FAFSA is filed and processed. Visit fafsa.ed.gov, or call 800-4-FEDAI D for more information.

☐ Review the Student Eligibility Notice (SEN) from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) that indicates your preliminary eligibility for New Jersey state aid programs. Call 800-792-8670 or visit hesaa.org for information.

☐ Review your online financial aid planning letter and guide from the Rutgers Office of Financial Aid at studentaid.rutgers.edu.

☐ Contact the Rutgers Office of Financial Aid if you need to make changes/corrections to your SAR or SEN. A financial aid officer may be able to submit your changes electronically to expedite the process.

☐ Submit copies of your parents’ IRS federal tax return transcripts to the Rutgers Office of Financial Aid. Keep your own copies on file as these tax returns and other financial information also may be requested by HESAA for verification.

If you have been admitted to Rutgers ...

April–May

☐ Attend an open house event or take a campus tour to personally experience Rutgers.

☐ Say “Yes” to Rutgers by confirming your enrollment online at admissions.rutgers.edu/yes by May 1.

☐ Follow through with all conditions of enrollment outlined on the Enrollment Pathway. This section contains very important information about mandatory completion of the EOF Summer Institute and EOF confirmation via the financial aid verification process.

June

☐ Complete, sign, and submit all required verification documents to the Rutgers Office of Financial Aid to confirm your EOF eligibility.

☐ Visit studentaid.rutgers.edu to ensure that all required documents have been received and that your financial aid package includes your EOF Scholars grant.

☐ Graduate from high school. Congratulations!

☐ Attend and successfully complete the mandatory EOF Summer Institute.

July–August

☐ Submit your final official high school transcript. It must include your graduation date.

☐ Review your fall term bill online at studentabctc.rutgers.edu/student-account. Follow instructions to pay your bill and confirm your attendance with the Rutgers Office of Student Accounting, Billing, and Cashiering. You must still complete the confirmation of attendance online even if your balance is zero.

☐ Submit official AP test results.

September

Rutgers welcomes you as an EOF Scholar!

As you begin classes as a full-time, first-year EOF Scholar, please do not hesitate to contact your EOF counselor or central EOF office administrators at Student Access and Educational Equity for assistance. Visit access.rutgers.edu for further information.