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Application for Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program 2009

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Rutgers Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Application 2009 for First-Year Students, New Jersey Residents Only

Educational Opportunity Fund Mission Statement

The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program contributes to the development of a college-educated public that reflects the diversity of New Jersey. In partnership with Rutgers, the New Jersey EOF Program provides access to higher education and support for highly motivated students who exhibit the potential for success, but who come from economically and educationally disadvantaged families/communities. Accordingly, the New Jersey EOF Program supports innovative educational initiatives, supplemental instruction, support services, and leadership development activities to improve students' chances of academic success. In concert with other sources of financial assistance, the New Jersey EOF Program also makes college affordable for students who find the costs of higher education prohibitive.

Eligibility Requirements

Generally, families who have accumulated assets do not qualify for financial assistance through the New Jersey EOF Program. To be considered, you and your family must have a documented history of academic and financial disadvantage and meet the income guidelines listed below.

EOF Income Eligibility Scale

Household Size (including student)	Family Gross Income Does Not Exceed:
1	\$20,800
2	\$28,000
3	\$35,200
4	\$42,400
5	\$49,600
6	\$56,800
7	\$64,000
8	\$71,200

Add \$7,200 for each additional member of the household.

If you meet these income guidelines, you also must meet the following requirements:

1. You must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen with a valid Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-151, I-551, I-551C), I-94 or I-94A (with refugee status or asylum granted), or T-visa (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) indicating that you have been a permanent resident for at least one year prior to fall semester enrollment and you have been a New Jersey resident for at least one year prior to fall semester 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 for college.
4. You must complete the 2009–2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority filing date of March 15, 2009. Ensure that Rutgers receives your FAFSA from the federal processor by including the **Rutgers federal school code 002629 in Step 5 (online) or Step 6 (paper)**. You can complete and submit your FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov, or you can obtain the paper FAFSA from your high school guidance office, the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FEDAID, or any one of the regional financial aid offices at Rutgers. To file your FAFSA online, you must obtain your Personal Identification Number (PIN) at pin.ed.gov. To complete the FAFSA verification process, you must submit all requested documents to Rutgers' Office of Financial Aid prior to the start of the EOF Summer Institute.

EOF Summer Institute

The New Jersey EOF Program can help you both before and during college. **If you are admitted to one of Rutgers' undergraduate schools as an EOF student, you must attend a free five-, six-, or seven-week summer program that eases the transition from high school to college and sharpens your English, math, and science skills.** You'll meet new friends, and your EOF Summer Institute tuition and other educational expenses will be paid for. The EOF Summer Institute begins toward the end of June 2009.

Advising/Counseling

Before the fall semester begins, your EOF advisers will help you plan an academic program to meet your interests and needs. Your undergraduate school will provide you with tutorial services and a special staff of academic, career, and peer counselors. With this support, you'll be able to identify your academic strengths, overcome limitations, and define career fields that interest you. All of the university's other resources also are available to help you.

Financial Assistance

Although the New Jersey EOF Program can provide financial help, you and your family are asked to contribute as much as you can reasonably afford. EOF students receive both TAG (Tuition Aid Grant) and EOF grants from the state of New Jersey. In addition, qualified students are eligible to receive grant assistance from the federal government and Rutgers. Financial assistance will vary depending upon your need as determined by the FAFSA and the availability of funds. To receive an official offer of financial assistance from Rutgers that includes the EOF grant, the TAG grant, and other need-based aid programs, you should submit your FAFSA to the federal processor as soon after January 1, 2009, as possible to meet the priority application date of March 15, 2009. Visit Rutgers' Office of Financial Aid online at studentaid.rutgers.edu for more information.

EOF Application Instructions

The information on the EOF application is used to make a preliminary determination of your eligibility for the New Jersey EOF Program. Final acceptance into the New Jersey EOF Program will be contingent upon the results of the required FAFSA. If you are a transfer student who has previously participated in the New Jersey EOF Program at another New Jersey college, please do not complete this EOF application. Transfer students should submit the FAFSA, complete an EOF Transfer Form, and contact the Office of Financial Aid on the regional Rutgers campus where they plan to enroll. All students in consideration for the EOF grant must submit their family's 2008 federal income tax returns and/or nontaxable income statements to the Rutgers Office of Financial Aid for the FAFSA verification process. The applicant's full name and Rutgers University Identification (RUID) number must be written on the income tax forms and nontaxable income statements. Please do not leave any items blank on this application. Mail the completed EOF application to: Office of University Undergraduate Admissions, Room 202, 65 Davidson Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854-8097.

The following determines who is considered a parent for the purposes of this form. Answer all questions.

1. If your parents are both living and married to each other, answer the questions about them.
2. If your parent is widowed or single, answer the questions about that parent. If your widowed parent has remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent AND the person to whom your parent is married (your stepparent).
3. If your parents have divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the last 12 months. (If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.) If this parent has remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent AND the person to whom your parent is married (your stepparent).

Note: An adoptive parent is treated like a biological parent. Answer the questions about him or her. Grandparents, legal guardians, and foster parents **are not** treated as a parent for the purposes of this form unless they have legally adopted you.

1. I have read the New Jersey EOF eligibility requirements and instructions listed on pages 1–2.

- Yes, I qualify for EOF and wish to be considered for this program.
 No, I do not qualify and do not wish to be considered.

2. Parents' current marital status

- Married/Remarried
 Divorced/Separated

Date of divorce or separation: _____
(mo/yr)

- Single
 Widowed

Date widowed: _____
(mo/yr)

Are both of your parents deceased or are you (or were you until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court? Yes No

3. Do you have any brothers or sisters? (If no, go to question 6.) Yes No

If yes, how many? _____

4. Are any of them currently enrolled in college? (If no, go to question 6.) Yes No

If yes, how many? _____

5. Do you have a brother or sister who has received an EOF grant at another New Jersey college? Yes No

If yes, please provide the information below.

Last name First name

College Birthdate: mo/day/yr

6. Do you have any children? Yes No

Last name: _____ First name: _____ RUID number: _____

7. Did you file a federal income tax return (IRS 1040, IRS 1040A, IRS 1040EZ, or 1040 TeleFile) for 2007? Yes No

If yes, list the total number of exemptions reported on the 1040 (line 6D) _____

If yes, was your income tax return filing status "married filing jointly"? Yes No

If you did not file and were not required to file a federal tax return, please sign below to certify.

Signature of Applicant

8. Did your parents file a federal income tax return (IRS 1040, IRS 1040A, IRS 1040EZ, or 1040 TeleFile) for 2007? Yes No

If yes, list the total number of exemptions reported on the 1040 (line 6D) _____

If yes, was your parents' income tax return filing status "married filing jointly"? Yes No

If your parents did not file and were not required to file a federal tax return, please have one of them sign below to certify.

Signature of Parent

9. Please refer to federal IRS income tax returns and answer all three parts (A, B, C) of this question.

A. Did you or your parents complete a schedule C or C-EZ for business owners (required if any amount was reported as positive, negative, or calculated zero on line 12 of the IRS form 1040)?

Yes No

If yes, you must attach a signed copy of your family's 2007 federal tax return with all schedules and worksheets. The applicant's full name and Rutgers University Identification number must be identified on the document.

B. Did you or your parents complete a schedule E for rental real estate or schedules 1120, 1120A, 1120S, or 1065 for corporation owners (required if any amount was reported as positive, negative, or calculated zero on line 17 of the IRS form 1040)?

Yes No

If yes, you must attach a signed copy of your family's 2007 federal tax return with all schedules and worksheets. The applicant's full name and RUID number must be written on the document.

C. Did you or your parents complete a schedule D for capital gains or losses (required if any amount was reported as positive, negative, or calculated zero on line 13 of the IRS form 1040)?

Yes No

If yes, you must attach a signed copy of your family's 2007 federal tax return with all schedules and worksheets. The applicant's full name and RUID number must be written on the document.

10. Please answer both parts (A, B) of this question.

A. Are you eligible for and do you participate in the National School Lunch Program (free or reduced price meals/milk)?

Yes No

B. Does your family receive income from welfare or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)?

Yes No

If yes, report annual amount under "Nontaxable" on the following page.

11. How many people live in your parents' household and receive more than half of their support from your parents' income? _____

"Household" includes your parents, yourself, your parents' other children if they are not independent, and other people who will live with your parents from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. **Do not leave this blank.**

12. Income per year from all sources (2007)

Please have federal IRS income tax returns and/or nontaxable income statements accessible to accurately complete the following questions. Indicate annual (2007) amount as listed on the income documents. If the financial information does not apply to you or your parents, enter zero (0) in the boxes below. Review the EOF eligibility requirements and instructions on pages 1–2 carefully. **Do not leave any item blank**, as this will constitute an incomplete EOF application and prevent an EOF eligibility determination.

2007 Adjusted Gross Income	Married/Joint Filers	Father/Stepfather	Mother/Stepmother	Student/Spouse
Report Adjusted Gross Income from line 4 of the IRS form 1040EZ, line 21 of IRS form 1040A, line 37 of IRS form 1040, line I of 1040 TeleFile, or from W-2 forms if you did not file a federal tax return.				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2007 Interest and Dividends	Married/Joint Filers	Father/Stepfather	Mother/Stepmother	Student/Spouse
Report amounts from lines 8A and 9A of IRS form 1040A or lines 8A, 9A, and 10 of IRS form 1040.				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2007 Nontaxable Income	Father/Stepfather	Mother/Stepmother	Student/Spouse	
Untaxed Social Security Benefits	\$	\$	\$	
Welfare or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	\$	\$	\$	
Child Support, Veteran's Benefits, or Other Nontaxable Income	\$	\$	\$	

Your and your parent's signatures are required below to certify all information contained in this document. Without both signatures (yours and the parent whose income information is provided on this form), your application is not complete and cannot be processed.

By submitting this form, I certify that:

- I have read and I meet all the EOF eligibility requirements.
- This application, including supporting credentials and documents, is complete, factually correct, and honestly prepared.

I understand that:

- I must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority date of March 15, 2009. Rutgers' federal school code is 002629.
- I understand that I must submit my and my family's 2008 federal income tax returns with all schedules and worksheets and/or nontaxable income statements to the Rutgers Office of Financial Aid for the FAFSA verification process.
- **My final admission to the EOF program is contingent upon the results of the FAFSA verification process confirming my financial eligibility and my participation in the required EOF summer program.**
- Willful omission or misrepresentation in any part of my application is grounds for denial or revocation of admission and cancellation of registration.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date



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