

Educational Opportunity Fund Program



What is EOF?

The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) provides financial assistance and support services (e.g. counseling, tutoring, and developmental coursework) to students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds who attend participating institutions of higher education in the State of New Jersey.

Why EOF?

Support Services

EOF Scholars are offered additional student support services including academic advising and coaching, personal counseling, and advocacy and mentoring, in addition to career and financial aid counseling. Student leadership development, legislative advocacy, and civic engagement opportunities are available through participation in EOF and other student organizations.

Academic Success

First-year EOF Scholars can earn college credit, make friends, and get a feel for what college is like before it starts by attending an EOF Summer Institute, which is a required condition for fall semester enrollment at 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.

Financial Assistance

Confirmed 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 summer session courses, study abroad, and other academic opportunities to enhance their experience.

“The School of Arts and Sciences EOF program was tremendously helpful. They provided emotional, social, academic, and financial support. The Summer Institute helped me make new friends—who I now consider family.”

Bryan M.

School of Arts and Sciences
Majors: Criminal Justice and Social Work



EOF Eligibility




To participate in one of the multiple but distinct EOF programs at Rutgers, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a New Jersey resident for 12 consecutive months prior to your semester enrollment
- Graduate from high school or receive the equivalent of a high school diploma by the time you register at Rutgers
- Demonstrate an educationally and economically disadvantaged background
- Fall within the financial criteria shown on the scale below

For more information, visit our website at admissions.rutgers.edu/eof.

EOF Income Eligibility Scale

with Asset Cap Calculation 2022-2023

 HOUSEHOLD SIZE (INCLUDING APPLICANT)	 GROSS INCOME (NOT TO EXCEED)	 ASSET CAP CALCULATION (NOT TO EXCEED)
Number of people living at home that you or your parents are financially responsible for.	Money you or your parents earn within a calendar year, before taxes. Usually from employment.	Additional items that hold value like businesses, stocks, and investment properties.
1	\$25,760	\$5,152
2	\$34,840	\$6,968
3	\$43,920	\$8,784
4	\$53,000	\$10,600
5	\$62,080	\$12,416
6	\$71,160	\$14,232
7	\$80,240	\$16,048
8	\$89,320	\$17,864
*For each additional member of the household add	\$9,080	\$1,816

U.S. Citizens | Eligible Noncitizens

Just 4 steps to apply!

- Apply to Rutgers at admissions.rutgers.edu/apply.
- Submit the EOF application (*first-year candidates only*).
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov by the priority date of **December 1** and register for Selective Service (male students only, ages 18-25) at sss.gov or when completing the FAFSA.
- Set up an account for the New Jersey Financial Aid Management System (NJFAMS) at njfams.hesaa.org to monitor state aid status.

NJ DREAMers

Just 5 steps to apply!

- Apply to Rutgers at admissions.rutgers.edu/apply.
- Submit the EOF application (*first-year candidates only*).
- Submit the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application (NJAFAA) at hesaa.org by the priority date of December 1 and register for Selective Service (male students only, ages 18-25) at sss.gov or when completing the NJAFAA.
- Set up an account for the New Jersey Financial Aid Management System (NJFAMS) at njfams.hesaa.org to monitor state aid status.
- Submit the Application and Affidavit for Nonresident Tuition Exemption at admissions.rutgers.edu/TuitionExemption, which declares the student has filed an application to legalize immigration status or will file an application as soon as eligible to do so.

Transfers

Just 3 steps to apply!

- Apply to Rutgers at admissions.rutgers.edu/apply.
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov or the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application (NJAFAA) at hesaa.org by the priority date of **February 1**.
- Contact the EOF Director at the Rutgers school you plan to attend. If you are a prior EOF participant at another NJ college, submit the EOF Transfer Form at the email below.

Contact Us

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admissions.rutgers.edu

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Rutgers Office of Financial Aid

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Rutgers University–New Brunswick EOF Programs

School of Arts and Sciences EOF

(Includes Rutgers Business School, Mason Gross School of the Arts, and upper division schools: School of Management and Labor Relations, and Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy)

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admissions.rutgers.edu/pharmacyeof

848-445-6263

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences EOF

sebseof.rutgers.edu

848-932-3738

School of Engineering EOF

soe.rutgers.edu/educational-opportunity-fund

848-445-2687

School of Nursing EOF (located on Newark campus)

admissions.rutgers.edu/nursingeof

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“The Rutgers community and the programs I’m involved with have given me the tools to thrive academically, socially, and financially.”

Zenaida R.

School of Arts and Sciences
Majors: Social Work