

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

2019-2020 Rutgers Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program Application Form (For First-Year Students, New Jersey Residents Only)



The EOF program is for students whose families have a documented history of educational and economic disadvantage. EOF awards are based on historical family information. Therefore, parental information is required on this form. This confidential form allows Rutgers to make a preliminary determination of your eligibility for participation in the Educational Opportunity Fund program. Willful omission of information or misrepresentation in any part of this application will be grounds for removal from the EOF program and denial or revocation of admission and cancellation of enrollment.

1. I have read the New Jersey EOF program eligibility requirements and instructions (<https://admissions.rutgers.edu/eof>).

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

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

Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, aunts, and uncles are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you.

- ✓ If your parent was never married and does not live with your other legal parent, or if your parent is widowed or not remarried, answer the questions about that parent.
- ✓ If your legal parents (biological, adoptive, or as determined by the state [for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate]) are not married to each other and live together, select "Unmarried and both legal parents living together" and provide information about both of them regardless of their gender. Do not include any person who is not married to your parent and who is not a legal or biological parent.
- ✓ If your parents are married, select "Married or remarried." If your legal parents are divorced but living together, select "Unmarried and both legal parents living together." If your legal parents are separated but living together, select "Married or remarried," not "Divorced or separated."
- ✓ If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 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 past 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.) If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.
- ✓ If your widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.

2. Parents' current marital status

- Never Married (*Single Parent*)
- Unmarried and Both Legal Parents Living Together
- Married or Remarried
- Divorced or Separated (*Parents Do Not Live Together*). If so, please provide date of divorce or separation: _____(mm/yyyy)
- Widowed. If so, please provide date widowed: _____(mm/yyyy)

3. Do you (*the Rutgers Applicant*) have any children? Yes No

4. At any time since you turned 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court? Yes No.

If yes, Rutgers will require that you provide documentation to prove your orphan, foster care, or dependent or ward of the court status.

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

(Number in Household = _____)

- ✓ If dependent, "household" includes yourself, your parents, and your parents' other children if they are not independent, and other people who live with your parents from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 who will receive more than half of their support from your parents.
- ✓ If independent, "household" includes yourself (and spouse, if married), your children, and other people who will live with you for which you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2020.

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Please provide full name, age, and relationship to you for each household member below:

First Name	Last Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant

6. If you have a brother or sister who is the current/prior recipient of an EOF grant at a NJ college, please provide the information below.

 Last name First name

 College Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy

Family Income From All Sources (2016)

Please have your, your parents', and stepparents' federal IRS income tax returns, all schedules and worksheets, nontaxable income statements (for social security benefits, welfare/TANF, child support, etc.), and asset verification documents accessible to accurately complete the following questions. Indicate annual (2016) amount as listed on the income and asset documents. If the financial information does not apply to you or your parents, enter zero (0) in the boxes below. To qualify for New Jersey State aid, which includes Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) grant, you and your family must have proof of verifiable income. Review the EOF Application instructions and eligibility requirements carefully (<https://admissions.rutgers.edu/eof>). **Do not leave any item blank, as this will constitute an incomplete EOF Application and prevent an EOF eligibility decision.**

7. Did you file a federal income tax return for 2016 (IRS 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ)? 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 for 2016 (IRS 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ)? 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. What was your family's Adjusted Gross Income, as reported on 2016 federal income tax return IRS Form 1040 – line 37; 1040A – line 21; or 1040EZ – line 4? Use W-2 forms if you/your family earned wages but did not file a federal tax return.

Married/Joint Filers	Parent 1 (if not joint filer) Father/Mother/Stepparent	Parent 2 (if not joint filer) Father/Mother/Stepparent	Student (& Spouse)
\$	\$	\$	\$

10. Did you or your parents report any interest or dividend income (Schedule B) on your 2016 federal income tax return – line 8A, B or 9A, B of either the IRS Form 1040 or 1040A; or line 10 of the IRS Form 1040? Yes No

If yes, what was the total amount of cash, savings, and checking in all bank accounts for 2016? _____

Documentation may be required to verify the amounts you report.

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11. Did you or your parents report any **business income** (Schedule C or C-EZ) and/or **farm income** (Schedule F) positive, negative, or calculated zero on your 2016 federal income tax return - **line 12** and/or **line 18** of the IRS form 1040? Yes No

If yes, what was the **net worth (market value minus debt/amount owed) of the business and/or investment farm?** _____
 Do not include small business or farm that is more than 50% family owned/controlled with 100 or fewer full-time employees. Enter zero (0).
Documentation may be required to verify the amounts you report.

12. Did you or your parents report any **capital gain or loss** (Schedule D) positive, negative, or calculated zero on your 2016 federal income tax return – **line 13** of the IRS form 1040; or **line 10** of the IRS form 1040A? Yes No

If yes, what is the total **market value of all investments** including but not limited to trust funds, money market funds, certificates of deposit, and other securities, commodities, 529 plans, etc.)? _____
Documentation may be required to verify the amounts you report.

13. Did you or your parents report any **real estate/rental property** (Schedule E), **royalties, partnerships, S corporations, etc.** (Form 1120, 1120S, or 1065) positive, negative, or calculated zero on your 2016 federal income tax return - **line 17** of the IRS form 1040? Yes No

If yes, was the type of property in **Part I** listed on Schedule E “**Supplemental Income and Loss**” a multi-family residence?
 Yes No

If yes, how many units are in the building? _____

Is your permanent home one of these units in the multi-family residence? Yes No

Was there any income reported on Schedule E, **Part II – Part IV**? Yes No

What was the **net worth (market value minus debt/mortgage owed) of all real estate/rental property?** _____
 Do not include your primary home (non-rental unit). Do include all 100% rental properties and the non-owner occupied portions of multi-family dwellings. *Documentation may be required to verify the amounts you report.*

14. Please provide the amount of nontaxable income you and your family received as indicated on your 2016 nontaxable benefits statements for all sources below. Enter “0” for sources of income that are not applicable to you and your family. If you or your family received any amount of nontaxable income in 2016, it must be reported below even if you or your family did or did not file 2016 IRS federal income tax returns. You and your family must have proof of verifiable income to qualify for NJ State aid that includes TAG and EOF grants.

Parent 1 Father/Mother/Stepparent	Parent 2 Father/Mother/Stepparent	Student (& Spouse)
Unemployment: \$	Unemployment: \$	Unemployment: \$
Social Security Benefits: \$	Social Security Benefits: \$	Social Security Benefits: \$
Welfare/TANF: \$	Welfare/TANF: \$	Welfare/TANF: \$
Veteran Benefits: \$	Veteran Benefits: \$	Veteran Benefits: \$
Child Support: \$	Child Support: \$	Child Support: \$
Pensions & Annuities: \$	Pensions & Annuities: \$	Pensions & Annuities: \$
IRA Distributions: \$	IRA Distributions: \$	IRA Distributions: \$
Other Source: Amount: \$	Other Source: Amount: \$	Other Source: Amount: \$

15. Do you receive free or reduced price meals at school, or afterschool programs, or camps (National School Lunch or Breakfast Programs)?
 Yes No

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16. Please provide the name, email address, and phone number of your high school counselor:

School Counselor Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number w/Area Code: _____

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EOF Application Form Certification

Your and your parent's signatures are required below to certify all information contained in this document. Without both signatures (yours and that of 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 and I understand that the information on the EOF Application is used to make a *preliminary* determination of my eligibility for the New Jersey EOF program.
- This application, including supporting credentials and documents, is complete, factually correct, and honestly prepared.

I understand that:

- I must check the **Rutgers status screen** regularly and respond to requests for additional information to complete the Rutgers Undergraduate Admissions Application and EOF Application pre-screen process by visiting **admissions.rutgers.edu**.
- I must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application (NJFAAA) as soon possible to meet the Rutgers priority filing date of December 1, 2018. Rutgers' federal school code is 002629.
- I must submit my and my family's 2017 IRS federal tax return transcript (including all schedules and worksheets) and/or nontaxable income statements along with asset verification documents to the Rutgers Office of Financial Aid for the FAFSA or NJFAAA verification process upon request.
- I must submit any and all required documents to the Rutgers University Undergraduate Admissions Office, Rutgers Office of Financial Aid, Rutgers EOF Office, and New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority as requested prior to the start of EOF Summer Institute.
- **My admission to the Rutgers EOF program is contingent upon the results of the financial aid application (FAFSA or NJFAAA) verification process confirming my final financial eligibility and is contingent upon my participation and successful completion of the required five- to six-week EOF Summer Institute. If I am admitted to Rutgers as a preliminarily eligible EOF Scholar but I am determined to be ineligible through the FAFSA or NJFAAA verification process and/or I do not attend and successfully complete the EOF summer program, my undergraduate admissions application will be reevaluated without EOF eligibility.**
- Willful omission of information or misrepresentation in any part of this application will be grounds for removal from the EOF program and denial or revocation of admission and cancellation of enrollment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

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