

2021-2022 Rutgers Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Application Form (For First-Year Students, New Jersey Residents Only)

The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) 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 Rutgers EOF program. Willful omission of information or misrepresentation in any part of this application will be grounds for removal from the Rutgers EOF program and denial or revocation of admission and/or cancellation of enrollment.

1. I have read the New Jersey EOF program eligibility requirements and instructions (available at admissions.rutgers.edu/eofinstructions).

- Yes, I qualify and wish to be considered for the EOF program. I will complete the supplemental Rutgers EOF Application.
 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 the questions even if you do not live with your legal parents (biological, adoptive, or as determined by the state [for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate]).

Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, widowed stepparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings 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 legal 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: _____(mm/yyyy)
 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

Answer "Yes" if at any time since you turned age 13:

- You had no living parent, even if you are now adopted; or
- You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today; or
- You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today.

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

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

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 (even if you don't live with your parents), your parents, your parents' other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, or (b) the children do not meet the U.S. Department of Education - Federal Student Aid definition of independent, and other people who will live with your parents from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 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, 2022.

Please provide full name, age, and relationship to you (the Rutgers applicant) for each household member below:

First Name	Last Name	Age	Relationship to You (the Rutgers Applicant)

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

Last name First name

Name of University/College They Attend/Previously Attended Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy

Family Income From All Sources (2018)

Please have your, your parents', and stepparents' federal IRS income tax returns (IRS form 1040), 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 (2018) 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 the 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 (admissions.rutgers.edu/eof). **Do not leave any item blank, as this will constitute an incomplete EOF Application and prevent an EOF eligibility decision.**

Rutgers reserves the right to request copies of these documents with all schedules and worksheets at any time during the preliminary eligibility pre-screen process. You may either:

- ✓ Submit required items electronically by uploading documentation through your **Rutgers status screen**. You will find the link to the online portal under the *Required for Application Review* section of your status page; or

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- ✓ Mail the completed EOF Application and requested documents to: Office of University Undergraduate Admissions *Operations Center*, 65 Davidson Road, Room 202, Piscataway, NJ 08854-8097.

7. Did you (the Rutgers applicant) file a federal income tax return for 2018 (IRS Form 1040)? Yes No

If yes, list the total number of dependents reported on the IRS Form 1040. _____

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. (See *Note.)

Signature of Applicant

8. Did your parents file a federal income tax return for 2018 (IRS Form 1040)? Yes No

If yes, list the total number of dependents reported on the IRS Form 1040. _____

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. (See *Note.)

Signature of Parent

***Note:** Verification of Non-filing, which is proof from the IRS that you did not file a return for the year, may be required. You may submit your request for free using **Form 4506-T (PDF)**.

9. What was your family's Adjusted Gross Income, as reported on **2018** federal income tax return – IRS Form 1040 – **line 7**? Use W-2 forms if you/your family earned wages but did not file a federal tax return. If you did not file a federal tax return but you/your family earned wages, use the 2018 W-2 forms. If you did not file a federal tax return but you/your family received unemployment benefits, use form 1099-G.

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 2018 federal income tax return – IRS Form 1040 – **line 2B or 3B**? Yes No

- If yes, what was the total amount of **cash, savings, and checking in all bank accounts** for **2018**? _____

- As of **today**, what is your total **current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts**? _____

Documentation may be required to verify the amounts you report.

11. Did you or your parents report any **business income or loss** (Schedule C or C-EZ) and/or **farm income** (Schedule F) positive, negative, or calculated zero on your 2018 federal income tax return - IRS Form 1040, **SCHEDULE 1 – Additional Income and Adjustments to Income – line 12** and/or **line 18**? Yes No

- If yes, what was the **net worth (market value minus debt/amount owed) of the business and/or investment farm** for **2018**? _____

- As of **today**, what is the **net worth (market value minus debt/amount owed) of the current 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 2018 federal income tax return - IRS Form 1040, **SCHEDULE 1 – Additional Income and Adjustments to Income – line 13**? Yes No

- If yes, what was 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. for 2018? _____

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- As of **today**, what is the total **current 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 **rental real estate** (Schedule E), **royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.** (Form 1120, 1120S, or 1065) positive, negative, or calculated zero on your 2018 federal income tax return - IRS Form 1040, **SCHEDULE 1 – Additional Income and Adjustments to Income – line 17?** 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

- If yes, what was the **net worth (market value minus debt/mortgage owed) of all real estate/rental property for 2018?** _____

- As of **today**, what is the **net worth (market value minus debt/mortgage owed) of all current 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. Did you or your parent(s) receive any nontaxable income or benefits during 2018? Yes No

14a. Please provide the amount of nontaxable income you and your family received as indicated on your 2018 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 2018, it must be reported below even if you or your family did or did not file 2018 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 – Untaxed Income Father/Mother/Stepparent	Parent 2– Untaxed Income Father/Mother/Stepparent	Student (& Spouse) – Untaxed Income
Subsidized Housing/Section 8: \$	Subsidized Housing/Section 8: \$	Subsidized Housing/Section 8: \$
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: \$
Untaxed Pensions & Annuities: \$	Untaxed Pensions & Annuities: \$	Untaxed Pensions & Annuities: \$
Untaxed IRA Distributions: \$	Untaxed IRA Distributions: \$	Untaxed IRA Distributions: \$
Other Source: Amount: \$	Other Source: Amount: \$	Other Source: Amount: \$

Nontaxable benefits received from any of these federal programs: Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); etc., can be listed under “Other Source” with “Amount” indicated.

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

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

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: _____

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) for U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens or a New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application (NJFAAA) for NJ DREAMers as soon possible to meet the Rutgers priority filing date of December 1, 2020. Rutgers' federal school code is 002629. Once my financial aid application is submitted, I must login to NJFAMS to view my "To Do List" to complete my State Grant Record.
- I must submit my and my family's **2019** 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. Visit **financialaid.rutgers.edu** for more information.
- 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 conditional 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 EOF Summer Institute, which can run for up to six weeks. If I am conditionally admitted to Rutgers as a preliminarily eligible, First-Year 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, I will be disqualified for EOF and my undergraduate admissions application will be reevaluated without EOF eligibility.**
- Willful omission of information or misrepresentation in any part of this application or failure to comply with all conditional admissions requirements will be grounds for removal from the EOF program and denial or revocation of admission and/or cancellation of enrollment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Rutgers University policy prohibits discrimination and harassment based upon race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, genetic information, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law. Discrimination and harassment compromise the integrity of the university and unfairly interfere with the opportunity for all persons to fully participate in the academic, work, and living environment of the university. The Rutgers University Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment can be viewed at <http://policies.rutgers.edu/PDF/Section60/60.1.12-current.pdf>.

