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Educational Opportunity Fund

Academic Foundations Center
Educational Opportunity Fund Program
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EOF QUESTIONNAIRE

(For Students who have no EOF History or never received funding)

Disclaimer:

Please be advised that by completing this EOF Screening Questionnaire, you are agreeing to submit and to have thoroughly evaluated any and all documents, starting with a current FAFSA, necessary to confirm your eligibility for an EOF grant award.

The review process will include state, federal, and institutional requests for documents that upon thorough review, could determine that you are NOT eligible for the current aid you are receiving AND that you are NOT eligible for an EOF grant as well.

Becoming ineligible for any aid, could require you to pay back funds previously awarded to you and/or result in your inability to continue your education at Rutgers University due to lack of state, federal, and/or institutional financial assistance.

You are agreeing to submit your information for verification- this may result in a change in your eligibility for federal, state and institutional funding.

Final acceptance into the New Jersey EOF Program will be contingent upon the results of this verification process.

Signature:

I have read the above statement and I am aware of the EOF verification process and the implications of providing this information for review.

Print Student Name / Date

Student Signature/ Date

Please Note: Families who demonstrate long-term economic hardship, such as the accumulation of assets that do not exceed 20 percent of the EOF Income Eligibility Scale per household size, qualify for financial assistance through the EOF program.

Additional Requirements for Preliminary Eligibility: If your and your family's income fall within the EOF Income Eligibility Scale above, you must also meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrating an educationally and economically disadvantaged background.
- Being a New Jersey resident for at least 12 consecutive months prior to fall semester enrollment.
- Graduating from high school with a diploma or receiving the equivalent of a high school diploma by the time you register at Rutgers.

MISSION OF EOF

The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund contributes to the development of a college-educated public that reflects the diversity of New Jersey by working in partnership with Rutgers and the K-12 educational system to provide access to higher education for students from families/communities disadvantaged by low income and the lack of access to the quality educational preparation necessary to attend college. The Fund will partner with established pre-college efforts and seek to initiate additional opportunities to identify and prepare students for college at the pre-collegiate level. At the postsecondary level, the access and opportunity provided by the Fund is not limited to simply meeting freshman (or transfer) student enrollment goals but also to focus on student success. In this vein, EOF provides support for educational initiatives, support services, and leadership development activities that assist students to improve their chances of success in specific majors and career fields and prepares them for the changing world of work and to assume leadership in their communities and the state.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

2019-2020 EOF Income Eligibility Scale with Asset Cap Calculation		
Applicants with a Household Size of	Gross Income Not to Exceed	Asset Cap Calculation (Not to exceed*) * = Based on Household Size for ALL Students
1	\$24,280.00	\$4,856.00
2	\$32,920.00	\$6,584.00
3	\$41,560.00	\$8,312.00
4	\$50,200.00	\$10,040.00
5	\$58,840.00	\$11,768.00
6	\$67,480.00	\$13,496.00
7	\$76,120.00	\$15,224.00
8	\$84,760.00	\$16,952.00
***	Add \$8,640 for each additional family member	Add \$1,728 for each additional family member

2020-2021 EOF Income Eligibility Scale with Asset Cap Calculation		
Applicants with a Household Size of	Gross Income Not to Exceed	Asset Cap Calculation (Not to exceed*) * = Based on Household Size for ALL Students
1	\$24,980.00	\$4,996.00
2	\$33,820.00	\$6,764.00
3	\$42,660.00	\$8,532.00
4	\$51,500.00	\$10,300.00
5	\$60,340.00	\$12,068.00
6	\$69,180.00	\$13,836.00
7	\$78,020.00	\$15,604.00
8	\$86,860.00	\$17,372.00
***	Add \$8,840 for each additional family member	Add \$1,768 for each additional family member

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

To participate in the Rutgers EOF Program, students must apply for undergraduate admission to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, file a FAFSA or NJ Alternative Application, and meet all requirements including New Jersey Residency and citizenship status.

****Please note that if you filled out the New Jersey Alternative Application, that will fulfill the requirement for completing the FAFSA.***

I have read the New Jersey EOF program eligibility requirements listed above. I believe that I qualify for the EOF program and wish to be considered for this program. I understand that by submitting this information, all of my information will be verified and my financial aid may be impacted by this process.

(Student Signature)

EOF APPLICATION FORM

The EOF Program is for students whose families have a documented history of academic and financial 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 EOF 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. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Last Name First Name M.I. RUID

Student's Street Address (Include Apt. # or Floor) Date of Birth

City State Zip Code

Email Address

Home Telephone Cell Phone

How many credits have you earned at Rutgers as of today? _____

What year are you in school? _____

When was your last semester enrolled? _____

Current G.P.A.: _____

2. Dependency Questions

Answer Yes (Y) or No (N) to the following questions:

- Will you be 24 or older by Dec. 31 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid?
- Will you be working toward a master's or doctorate degree?
- Are you married or separated but not divorced?
- Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?
- Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in *foster care*, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?
- Are you an *emancipated minor* or are you in a *legal guardianship* as determined by a court?
- Are you an unaccompanied youth who is *homeless* or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?

If you answered **Yes** to any of the questions above, you are considered an **Independent student** and you will not be required to provide parental information for this application. Otherwise, you are a **Dependent student** and must provide parental information as you continue this application. *You will be asked to verify the information related to the question(s) you answered above.*