ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) is a comprehensive, state-funded program that provides economically and educationally disadvantaged students access to post-secondary education. The New Jersey EOF Program assists low-income state residents who are able and motivated but lack adequate preparation for college study, the needed resources and services to succeed and graduate.

Ramapo College of New Jersey seeks out the very best New Jersey students to participate in its EOF program, enrolling New Jersey residents seeking admission to the college who are academically able and motivated but do not fulfill all criteria for general admission. The program provides such students the support needed to maintain continued enrollment through graduation including additional funding to those enrolled in the program. By providing additional funding (the EOF State Grant), the EOF program minimizes some of the financial burden of pursuing a post-secondary education. Students also receive support services such as counseling, tutoring, and developmental course work. Students in the program participate in activities and events designed to foster academic success and social responsibility with the assistance of a Student Development Specialist.

The Ramapo College EOF program has a limited number of spaces available for its freshmen class, so it is important to apply by the appropriate application deadline. See the Application Deadline section on page 2 for specific deadlines.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for admission to the Ramapo College EOF program, students must meet both academic and financial eligibility requirements. Students must complete an application for admissions; submit a high school transcript, standardized test scores (SAT and/or ACT) and two (2) letters of recommendation. EOF applicants must also provide financial information to determine eligibility as part of their initial application. Eligible applicants to the EOF program must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen/ Permanent Resident and legal New Jersey resident for at least one year prior to enrolling at Ramapo College
- Have a minimum of 2.8 (out of a 4.0) Academic GPA
- Be within the top one-third (1/3) of their graduating class (if the school ranks)
- Have a minimum 900 combined SAT score (Critical Reading and Math only),
  - Minimum of 400 in Critical Reading section of the SAT, and
  - Minimum of 400 in Mathematics section of the SAT; or
- Have a minimum ACT Composite score of 19
- Be financially eligible for the program (see below)

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FRESHMEN APPLICANTS
Income eligibility for the EOF Program is determined by the State of New Jersey and is based on the number of people in the household and total family income. Total family income includes salary and/or wages from work as well as nontaxable income such as benefits, alimony/child support, public assistance and unemployment and/or worker’s compensation. Household number includes the student and those individuals who live in the home and are financially supported by the head(s) of household. The maximum income eligibility determines the student’s eligibility to receive state funding and eligibility to enroll through the EOF Program at Ramapo College. Applicants must fully complete the EOF FRESHMAN SUPPLEMENT FORM and provide all required documentation to support information provided on the form. Students are also asked to submit a copy of the family’s complete 2014 federal tax return or 2014 tax return transcript, available from the IRS website (www.irs.gov).

Ex: Maximum Income for a households of 2 individuals in Academic Year 2015-2016................. $31,460
Add/Subtract $8,120 for each additional member of the household

Please note that income eligibility amounts change year to year. Please contact the Office of Admissions for more information on income eligibility.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
To be considered for enrollment into the EOF program at Ramapo College of New Jersey, please make sure to follow the instructions below carefully.

1. Submit the Application for Admissions online (Ramapo Web Application or Common Application) at www.ramapo.edu/apply. Paper application available online. If using a paper application, be sure to indicate that you are applying for the EOF program on the paper application.

2. Complete the EOF Freshman Supplement Form below. All questions must be answered completely. Incomplete information on the EOF Supplement Form will delay processing of application.

3. Submit an official copy of your current **high school transcript**, copies of all **SAT** and/or **ACT test scores**, at least **two (2) letters of recommendation** and a copy your family’s **2014 federal tax return (IRS Form 1040)** or a copy of your **2014 federal tax return transcript**, available from the IRS website (www.irs.gov).

4. Attach any **additional supporting documentation** (see below) to your EOF Freshman Supplement Form that is needed to verify information provided on form. Incomplete or missing documentation will result in a delay in processing your application.

   **Additional Supporting Documentation:**
   - **Permanent Residents:** Please submit a copy (front and back) of their Alien Registration Card or **Green Card**
   - **Wards of the State/Legal Guardianship/Emancipated Students:** Please provide appropriate legal documentation verifying status and complete appropriate sections of the EOF Freshmen Supplement Form
   - **Families Receiving Nontaxable Income (e.g., Welfare, Disability, SSI, Unemployment, etc.):** Please submit documentation on income source (e.g., Public Assistance award letter, benefits award letter, etc.) to verify reported income
   - **Rental Property Owners (Single-/Two-/Multi-Family House Or Other Building):** must submit copies of the most recent **mortgage statement** with current mortgage balance and the **city tax assessment** for each property owned.

5. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA information must be submitted by March 1st.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Freshmen enrollment to Ramapo College through the EOF Program is only available for the fall semester. The application for admissions (electronic or paper) and ALL supporting documentation must be submitted to the Office of Admissions by the **appropriate deadline:**

- **Early Decision for all majors: November 1st** (Applicants are notified of decision by December 5th. Decisions are binding)
- **Nursing and Biology majors: December 15th**
- **All other majors: March 1st**

Please mail completed paper applications and/or supporting documentation to:

**Office of Admissions**  
Ramapo College of New Jersey  
505 Ramapo Valley Road  
Mahwah, NJ 07430-1680

For additional information about applying to Ramapo College through the EOF Program, please contact the Office of Admissions at 201-684-7300 or email eofadmis@ramapo.edu (Subject Line: **EOF Freshmen Admissions**)

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**Office of Admissions**  
RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY  
505 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430-1680  
Tel: (201) 684-7300, 7301 Fax: (201) 684-7964  
www.ramapo.edu/admissions
EOF FRESHMAN SUPPLEMENT FORM
For Fall 2016 Enrollment

Instructions: All questions must be answered. Return completed form and supporting documentation to the Office of Admissions by the application deadline (Early Decision (all majors): November 1st; Nursing/Biology: December 15th; all other programs: March 1st). All information is kept confidential.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
Last Name: ___________  First Name: ___________  M.I.: ___________

Sex: ☐ Female  ☐ Male  Date of Birth: ___/___/_______  SS#: ___________-_________

(Needed in order to receive financial aid)

E-mail: _______________________________  Phone: (______) _______  ☐ Home  ☐ Cell

(Same email address used to apply to Ramapo College)

RESIDENCY AND FINANCIAL AID FILING INFORMATION
I am a: ☐ U.S. Citizen  ☐ Permanent Resident  (Alien Registration Number: ___________

Please submit a copy of the front and back of Alien Registration/Green Card with this form

I am a: ☐ NJ Resident and I have lived in NJ for ________ Years, ________ Months
☐ Non-New Jersey resident

Financial Aid Filing Information
Choose the option that best describes your filing status. Independent filers must submit appropriate documentation to support independent status. Please refer to the EOF Supplement Instruction Sheet for a list of supportive documents needed. Applications with missing documentation will not be reviewed.

☐ I am a Dependent Student and will need to submit my parent information (Complete ALL DEPENDENT STUDENT sections only)

☐ I am an Independent Student because I meet one of the following: (Complete ALL Independent Student sections only)

☐ I was born before January 1, 1993  ☐ Currently, both of my parents are deceased
☐ I am legally married  ☐ I am currently or I was in legal guardianship
☐ I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces  ☐ I am currently or I was an emancipated minor
☐ I am a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces  ☐ I am currently in foster care and/or a ward of the court
☐ I have a Dependent (other than spouse) and financially support them  ☐ I am currently homeless or am at risk of being homeless

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION FOR DEPENDENT STUDENTS

1. With whom do you make your permanent home? ☐ Both Parent 1 and Parent 2  ☐ Parent 1 only  ☐ Parent 2 only

2. Parent(s) Status: ☐ Parent I live with is Single, never Married  ☐ Parents are Married or in a Civil Union  ☐ Parent I live with is Remarried
☐ Parent I live with is Widowed  ☐ Parents are currently Divorced/Not Remarried
☐ Parents are Separated

Parent 1: ☐ Mother/Stepmother  ☐ Father/Stepfather
Full Name: _______________________________
☐ US Citizen  ☐ Permanent Resident *  ☐ Undocumented
☐ * Include a copy of Parent 1’s Alien Registration/Green Card
How many years has Parent 1 lived in NJ?

Parent 2: ☐ Mother/Stepmother  ☐ Father/Stepfather  ☐ Unknown
Full Name: _______________________________
☐ US Citizen  ☐ Permanent Resident *  ☐ Undocumented
☐ * Include a copy of Parent 2’s Alien Registration/Green Card
How many years has Parent 2 lived in NJ?

Work Status for Parent 1
☐ Employed  ☐ Retired since: ___/___
☐ Unemployed since: ___/___  ☐ Disabled since: ___/___

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☐ Employed  ☐ Retired since: ___/___
☐ Unemployed since: ___/___  ☐ Disabled since: ___/___

3. Please complete the following for each household member other than yourself and your parent(s). Be sure to indicate their relationship to you (e.g., sibling, cousin, aunt/uncle, grandparent, etc.). Additional family members must be listed on separate sheet with all requested information provided. Incomplete forms will not be processed until they are completed.

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ALL questions in section must be answered. Enter “0” (zero) if there is no income to report. Please do not leave any item blank. All EOF Supplements must include a copy of your family’s 2014 federal tax return or tax return transcripts. Transcripts can be downloaded from the IRS website (www.irs.gov).

My family and I: □ Rent the apartment/home we live in □ Own and live in a single-family home and do not own other property
   ■ Own and live in a 2-family/multi-family house and do not own other property**
   □ Own additional rental property/properties other than where we live**

** If your family owns a two-family or multi-family home or additional rental property, you must submit to the Office of Admissions the following documents for all properties owned.
   □ Most recent mortgage statement with current mortgage balance for all properties owned
   □ Current city tax assessment for all properties owned


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HOUSEHOLD AND INCOME INFORMATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

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1. I am: □ Single □ Married/Partnered □ In a Legal Guardianship □ A Ward of the Court/State □ Currently an emancipated minor
2. I have you lived outside your parent’s home for _____ Years, _____ Months
3. I: □ Rent the apartment/home I live in □ Own and live in a single-family home and do not own other property
   □ I do not own any property and live with a relative or guardian because I am a minor

Your Work Status
□ Employed □ Retired Since: __/____ □ Unemployed Since: __/____ □ Disabled Since: __/____

Work Status for Spouse/Partner
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Certification and Signature

By submitting this form, I certify and understand that:
□ The information on the EOF Supplement Form is used to make a preliminary determination of my eligibility to participate in the EOF Program.
□ I must also submit an application for admission in order to officially apply to Ramapo College and that this form is not an application for admission.
□ I must submit all necessary credentials, including copies of my and my family’s financial documentation to the Office of Admissions at Ramapo College. I further understand that I must respond to requests for additional information to complete the EOF Freshman Supplement Form in a timely manner.
□ I understand that my application for admission and all necessary credentials must be submitted to the proper application deadline: Early Decision: Nov. 1st;
   Nursing/Biology: Dec. 15th; All other majors: March 1st.
□ My admission to the Ramapo EOF Program is contingent upon final income verification based on my 2015 FAFSA, successful completion of high school and participating and successfully completion of the mandatory, six-week EOF Pre-Freshman Summer 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.

Student Signature Date Parent Signature Date