**About the Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF)**

The Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) at Monmouth University is to provide access to highly motivated scholars from New Jersey who come from a low-income background and are academically under-prepared, but exhibit the potential to achieve an undergraduate education. Our scholars are provided full-time admission, financial support, and comprehensive services necessary to achieve academic success, foster personal growth, and promote career development.

Furthermore, our scholars engage in transformative learning opportunities that empower them to become life long-learners, critical thinkers, ethical leaders, and productive citizens in a diverse global society.

*In order to receive EOF funding, you must enroll as a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 credits per semester.*

**Eligibility & Applying for EOF**

Space in the EOF entering class is limited to 40 students and fills early. We strongly encourage you to apply as early as possible.

**To be eligible for the EOF program, you must:**

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| * Be a first-year first time college student
* A high school diploma or equivalent
* Be a United States citizen or permanent resident
* New Jersey resident for at least one year
* Meet the [state](http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/EOF/EOF_Eligibility.htm) EOF and Monmouth University’s Income Eligibility Criteria (see Income Eligibility Scale below)
 | * Complete an [application for admission](http://www.monmouth.edu/university/apply-now.aspx) to Monmouth University
* Enroll as a full-time student
* Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
* Meet Monmouth University’s EOF criteria for admission
* Participate in a 5 week residential Summer Academy that focuses on preparing scholars to make a successful transition from high school to university life
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| APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION |
| Name: (Last) (First) (Middle)  |
| (Street Address) (City) (State, Zip)  |
| (Cell Phone Number) (Home Phone Number)  |
| (Email Address)  |
| (High School) (City) (State)  |
| (High School Graduation Date)  |
| Are you currently dual-enrolled? | [ ] YES | [ ] NO | If so, at which college/university are you dual-enrolled? |   |
| Do you have any college credits? | [ ] YES | [ ] NO | If so, how many college credits will you have after graduation? |   |
| Are you a citizen of the United States?  | [ ] YES | [ ] NO |
| If no, do you have a permanent resident card (Green Card) | [ ] YES | [ ] NO |

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| EOF 2018 – 2019 INCOME ELIGIBILTY SCALE |
| Household Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Add $8,360 for each additional household member. |
| Gross Income  | $24,120 | $32,480 | $40,840 | $49,200 | $57,560 | $65,920 | $74,280 | $82,640 |

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| FINANCIAL SECTION |
| **ESTIMATED 2018 INCOME:** |
| Salary & Wages: |   | Dividends & Interest: |   |
| Social Security Benefits: |   | Child Support Alimony: |   |
| TANF or Welfare: |   | Pensions & Annuities: |   |
| IRA Distributions: |   | Unemployment: |   |
| Income From Other Sources: |   | **HOUSEHOLD SIZE:** |
| **2016 INCOME:** |   | **2016:** |   |
| **2017 INCOME:** |   | **2017:** |   |
| The applicant’s full name must be written on the income tax documents and nontaxable income statements. Please have your, your parents’ and stepparents’ federal IRS income tax returns, W-2’s, all schedules and worksheets, and nontaxable income statements (for social security benefits, welfare, child support, alimony, etc.) accessible to accurately complete the following questions. Indicate annual (2016) amount as listed on the income documents. If the financial information does not apply to you or your parents do not skip the question.  | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| Did you file a federal income tax return for 2016 (IRS 1040, 1040A, or 1040E | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| Do you have a W-2 from 2016? | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| Did your parents file a federal income tax return for 2016 (IRS 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ)? | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| Do they have a W-2 from 2016? | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| Did you or your parents complete a schedule C or C-EZ for business owners (required if any amount was reported as positive, negative, or calculated zero on line 12 of the IRS form 1040)? | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| Did you or your parents complete a schedule E for rental real estate or any schedules 1120, 1120A, 1120S, or 1065 for corporation owners (required if any amount was reported as positive, negative, or calculated zero on line 17 of the IRS form 1040)? | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |

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| HOUSEHOLD SECTION |
| Do you live at home with your parent(s) or legal guardian(s)? | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| Is either of your parents deceased? | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| Do you have a sibling in college that receives EOF funding? | [ ]  YES | [ ]  NO |
| What is your parents’ current marital status? If divorced/separated/widowed, please provide date:  |
| [ ] Never Married | [ ] Married | [ ] Unmarried/Living Together | [ ] Divorced/Separated | [ ] Widowed |

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| **PLEASE PROVIDE FULL NAME, AGE, AND RELATIONSHIP TO YOU FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER BELOW:**  |
| First Name: | Last Name: | Age: | Relation to Applicant: |
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| STUDENT PROGRAM SECTION |
| Does your family receive TANF or welfare? | [ ] YES | [ ] NO |
| Do you receive free or reduced lunch? | [ ] YES | [ ] NO |
| Do you participate in an NJ Gear Up or NJ College Bound Program? | [ ] YES | [ ] NO |
| Do you participate in a Federal TRIO Program (Talent Search, Upward Bound, Step) | [ ] YES | [ ] NO |
| If so, which program did you participate in? |   |

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| EOF APPLICATION FORM CERTIFICATION |
| Applicant and parent(s) signatures are required below to certify all information contained in this document. Without both signatures (yours and that of the parent(s) whose income information is provided on this form), your application is not complete and cannot be processed. By submitting this form, I certify that (please mark off each tab after reading each statement):  |
| 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. | [ ]  AGREE | [ ]  DISAGREE |
| This application, including supporting credentials and documents, is complete, factually correct, and honestly prepared.  | [ ]  AGREE | [ ]  DISAGREE |
| I must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). | [ ]  AGREE | [ ]  DISAGREE |
| I must submit my and my family’s 2016 IRS federal tax return transcript with all schedules and worksheets and/or nontaxable income statements to the Monmouth University Office of Financial Aid for the FAFSA verification process.  | [ ]  AGREE | [ ]  DISAGREE |
| I must submit any and all required documents to the Monmouth University Office of Undergraduate Admission, as requested. | [ ]  AGREE | [ ]  DISAGREE |
| In order to be fully accepted into the Educational Opportunity Fund Program at Monmouth University, you must complete our mandatory five week summer academy prior to the fall semester. **Please initial in the box to right confirm that you understand that there is a mandatory obligation to the five week summer academy.**  |   |
| I have read and understand the eligibility requirements for the Educational Opportunity Fund Program at Monmouth University and believe that am eligible. I understand that I may have to provide additional documentation to complete my application in order for a decision to be made. **Please initial in the box to the right to confirm that you understand.** |   |
| BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE. |
| **Student Signature:**  | **Parent Signature:**  |

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