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Before You Apply: 5-Part Checklist

Prepare all components before beginning your RUYES application. You must complete the interest form on Qualtrics to obtain the link to the application. Please check your spam folder and be sure to use a NON-school email. If you don't receive the link in 10 days plea Your application is not complete until all required materials have been received.

TWO CHARACTER REFERENCES

☐ Ask two teachers or school-based references who know your work and character to complete the official RUYES Character Reference Form and directions for the teacher can be downloaded and printed from here https://go.rutgers.edu/w6l95gu5

☐ Reference forms must be emailed directly by the teacher/professor from a school email account to RUYES@cinj.rutgers.edu with subject Reference: STUDENT NAME. Students should not submit these forms themselves.

Reference deadline: February 19, 2027. Follow up with both teachers to confirm submission.

FIVE-PARAGRAPH ESSAY

Prepare a thoughtful, well-organized essay that addresses all five required paragraphs:

☐ 1. Introduction: Who you are, why you are applying, and your interest in research.

☐ 2. Learning & Growth: An impactful experience and how it shaped your learning or problem-solving.

☐ 3. Goals & Aspirations: Your educational/career goals and how RUYES aligns with them.

☐ 4. Research Experience: Skills, knowledge, and mentorship you hope to gain.

☐ 5. Community Impact: How you hope to reduce cancer health disparities and promote health equity.

Proofread your essay before submitting. The essay covers all five topics; the video below covers only one selected prompt. **Your essay should reflect your own voice, ideas, and experiences. Use of AI-generated writing is discouraged.**

60–90 SECOND INTRODUCTION VIDEO

☐ Begin with your name, school, and intended major (if applicable). Then choose ONE prompt:

A. Learning & Growth: A meaningful learning experience and how it shaped you.

B. Goals & Aspirations: Your long-term goals and how RUYES supports them.

C. Research & Community Impact: What you hope to gain and how you may help reduce cancer health disparities.

☐ Record horizontally (MP4/MOV preferred); ensure clear sound, good lighting, a visible face, and neat attire. Speak naturally rather than reading a script.

☐ Upload your video and provide a viewable link. Unlisted YouTube is preferred; Google Drive or Dropbox is acceptable. Set access to "Anyone with the link can view" and test the link.

Up-to-date Resume

Build your resume with the following sections. Bolded boxes are actual headings for your resume.

☐ The heading contains: Name, City and State, Email, Cell Number

☐ **Profile/Objective**: something about yourself as it pertains to wanting this experience.

☐ **Education**: High school name and location and years of attendance. (Ex: 2024-present)

A. List courses that relate to the program's objectives (ex: Biology, Chemistry, AP Algebra, etc)

☐ **Work Experience**: Do not include if you have none.

☐ **Volunteer Work**: Do not include if you have none.

☐ **Activities**: Clubs, Sports or Community Events in which you regularly participate.

Unofficial Transcript

☐ Upload in **PDF FORMAT** (not jpg/picture) unofficial transcripts showing your classes for all years and your grades.

FINAL CHECK:

☐ 2 references requested/submitted ☐ 5-paragraph essay ready ☐ Video link tested ☐ Resume ☐ Unofficial Transcript

Parent/Guardian signature is required on the application. Questions? RUYES@cinj.rutgers.edu | cinj.org/ruyes