

NEXT STEPS

FALL 2019 MILESTONE SCHOLARS

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADMISSION TO RIDER UNIVERSITY!

THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT STEPS YOU MUST TAKE
BEFORE ENROLLING IN THE FALL SEMESTER.



- Set Up Your myRider Portal**
(Skip this step if you've already done it.)

Go to **myRider.rider.edu**, click
Claim Your RIDER KEY
and enter the information requested.

(Your Bronc ID is at the bottom of your acceptance letter.)

Read and accept **Rider's Rights and Responsibilities of Users Policy**. Then confirm your username, set up the security questions, and create your **RIDER KEY** password.

- Learn About the Milestone Scholars Program**
Carefully read "About the Milestone Scholars Program" information on page 3.

- Submit Your Deposit(s) to Secure Your Place in the Entering Class**

Freshmen entering in Fall 2019 are required to live on campus for their first two years at Rider if their permanent address (living with a parent or legal guardian) is more than 30 miles from campus.

However, to fully engage in Rider's living and learning community, all students are strongly encouraged to live on campus. For more information, visit **rider.edu/housing**.

On-Campus Resident Students: If you plan to live on campus, submit a \$400 deposit – includes the \$200 tuition deposit plus the \$200 housing deposit. (Instructions for paying deposits are on the back of this page.)

Housing for your first term is guaranteed if all deposits and the online housing application are **received by Wednesday, May 1**. If your deposit is received after May 1, you'll select housing on a space-available basis. Our online housing application is available through the student portal at **myRider.rider.edu**.

Commuter Students: If you are not living on campus, submit the \$200 tuition deposit. (Instructions for paying deposits are on the back of this page.)

- Complete Your Housing Application**

After making the housing deposit, complete the housing application via your myRider student portal. After you've completed the application, the Office of Residence Life will email instructions for room selection.

- Plan Your Finances**

99% of Rider students receive financial aid, so we encourage all new students to complete a 2019-2020 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) **as soon as possible**. We can help you and your family develop a strategy to finance your education and maximize your eligibility for funding. Our financial aid counselors are here to assist with the FAFSA process and discuss your financial needs.

You and your parents can call 609-896-5360 to speak with a counselor or make an appointment to meet with us during your next campus visit. For more information, go to **rider.edu/finaid**.

- Sign Up for Admitted Student Day**

We hope you and your family will join us **Saturday, March 9** or **Saturday, April 6** for Admitted Student Day to celebrate your admission to Rider. Admitted Students Days will include an information session about the Milestone Scholars Program. Can't make it? You can also **Be a Bronc for a Day** or schedule a campus tour. You can register for any of these events at **rider.edu/admittedstudents**.

- Keep Your Grades Up**

Your admission is contingent upon satisfactory completion of any academic course work in progress before you enroll. It is your responsibility to ensure that all official transcripts, including those for courses in progress, are forwarded to the Office of Undergraduate Admission by **Thursday, Aug. 1**.

- Get Credit for College Courses**

Any college courses you complete while in high school may be eligible for college credit. **Credit evaluations will include only work that is recorded on official college transcripts**. Evaluations are conducted by the Dean's Office of the college to which you have been admitted. A final evaluation of your credits, including those completed during the current term, will be provided after an official final transcript is received by the Office of Admission.

AP/IB Credit: If you have taken Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams, have those scores sent directly to Rider for evaluation. You'll find our AP/IB credit policy at **rider.edu/ap**.

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- For Test Optional**
If you were admitted to Rider as a test-optional applicant, and you took the SAT or ACT test, you are strongly encouraged to send your scores to the Office of Admission by **Wednesday, May 15**.
- Attend Orientation and Complete Placement Testing**
In April, the Office of Transition Programs will begin to send Summer Orientation date assignments. For details about placement testing requirements and exemptions, visit rider.edu/orientation.
- Complete Your Financial Agreement**
The federal government requires that all students certify their understanding of the financial obligations associated with enrolling in college **before they can register for courses**. We've made the process easy. Simply log in to your **myRider** student portal to read and electronically sign your financial agreement.

- Register for Courses**
You will register for courses during Orientation.
- Attend the Bridge to Success Week (Sunday, Aug. 25 thru Friday, Aug. 30, 2019)**
This week-long program is mandatory for all students admitted as Milestone Scholars. You must complete the Bridge to Success week before you can begin classes in September.
- Change Your Major**
To change your program of study before you enroll, send a written request to the Director of Undergraduate Admission. Program changes are permitted only with the director's approval.



How to Submit Your Tuition & Housing Deposits

We offer several options for paying your tuition and housing deposits. **All deposits are non-refundable.** Please read all instructions carefully.

- Online**
To make your deposit online, you'll need to access your **myRider** portal at myRider.rider.edu.
Click the **"Applicant"** tab (next to the "Welcome" tab, top left).
Find the **"Steps to enrolling at Rider"** box and click **"Pay my deposit."**
Select the **Fall 2019** term.
Choose **"Fall – Tuition & Housing (\$400)"** if you plan to live on campus **OR "Fall – Tuition Only (\$200)"** if you will commute.
Select **"Make Deposit Payment"** and payment method, then click **"Continue."**
You will receive a confirmation email once you click **"Submit Payment."**

- By Check or Money Order**
Make your check or money order payable to Rider University. If you are a commuter, pay only the \$200 tuition deposit. If you plan to live on campus, send one check or money order in the amount of \$400 (to cover the \$200 tuition deposit and \$200 housing deposit).

Be sure to include your full name and Bronc ID (see the bottom of your acceptance letter) on your check or money order.

Send your payment with your completed Admission Decision Form to:

Office of the Cashier
Rider University
2083 Lawrenceville Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648



- By Phone**
To pay your deposit by phone with a credit card, call the Cashier's Office at 609-896-5390.

ABOUT THE

MILESTONE

SCHOLARS PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE MILESTONE SCHOLARS PROGRAM (MSP)?

The Milestone Scholars Program offers students a highly specialized learning experience for their first year at Rider. This unique academic program, offered through our Academic Success Center, provides motivated students with the assistance and guidance to establish a stronger academic foundation to build upon throughout their college education.

HOW DOES A STUDENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE MSP?

To complete MSP successfully, you must attend and participate in the **Bridge to Success week, complete a Freshman Seminar and attend weekly academic support and all mandatory MSP events.** In completing these requirements, you must demonstrate persistence, help-seeking behavior and a positive attitude. These requirements align with our goal to help you become a successful independent student.

WHO IS ON YOUR MSP TEAM?

You will not do this alone. You will have your own success coach and peer mentors to provide individualized attention and support while you navigate your first year.



WHAT IS BRIDGE TO SUCCESS WEEK?

Bridge to Success is an intensive week of academic and social activity that immediately precedes the start of the freshman year. As a Milestone Scholar, you will attend classes and workshops where you will be exposed to:

- Methods to build transferrable skills.
- A network of faculty, staff and peers to offer support throughout their academic career.
- Campus resources designed to help you manage the challenges you'll encounter as first-year college students.

Your full participation – from Sunday, Aug. 25 through Friday, Aug. 30 – is **required** as a condition of your enrollment. That means **you must attend, participate in and complete** the Bridge to Success week successfully to begin classes at Rider in September.

WHAT ARE MSP'S GOALS?

The Milestone Scholars Program was created to:

- Help students build a strong academic foundation by teaching fundamental learning and study strategies.
- Foster independent learning, personal responsibility and self-advocacy at Rider.
- Provide priority access to and knowledge of on-campus resources.
- Build a network of faculty, staff and peers to support each scholar throughout their college career.
- Create an environment conducive to achieving success and growth as a student and adult.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the Milestone Scholars Program, contact Johanna Blume at blumej@rider.edu or at **609-896-5238**.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU
TO OUR UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.**

If you have questions or need help completing the enrollment process,
please contact Rider's Office of Undergraduate Admission at:

PHONE: **609-896-5042 OR 800-257-9026**

EMAIL: **ADMISSIONS@RIDER.EDU**



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