



# Early Decision Agreement Freshman Admission 2018-2019

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**Important: The Early Decision Agreement is required for candidates who have chosen to apply via the binding Early Decision plan to Rice University. Submit your completed form by your Rice Admission Student Portal, mail, or email (riceapps@rice.edu).**

## TO THE APPLICANT

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle (Complete) Preferred/Nickname

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Female  Male  
mm/dd/yyyy

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address  
City State/Province Zip/Postal Code Country

School you now attend \_\_\_\_\_ CEEB/ACT Code \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a candidate for admission to Rice University in any previous year?  Yes | Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

## INSTRUCTIONS

From the National Association for College Admission Counseling *Statement of Principles and Good Practices*:

“**Early Decision (ED) is the application process in which students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll.** While pursuing admission under an Early Decision plan, students may apply to other institutions, but may have only one Early Decision application pending at any time. Should a student who applies for financial aid not be offered an award that makes attendance possible, the student may decline the offer of admission and be released from the Early Decision commitment. The institution must notify the applicant of the decision within a reasonable and clearly stated period of time after the Early Decision deadline. Usually, a nonrefundable deposit must be made well in advance of May 1. The institution will respond to an application for financial aid at or near the time of an offer of admission. Institutions with Early Decision plans may restrict students from applying to other early plans. Institutions will clearly articulate their specific policies in their Early Decision agreement.”

**If you are accepted under an Early Decision plan, you must promptly withdraw the applications submitted to other colleges and universities and make no additional applications to any other university in any country.** If you are an Early Decision candidate and are seeking financial aid, you need not withdraw other applications until you have received notification from financial aid from the admitting Early Decision institution.

By signing below, you, the applicant, agree that the following statements are true and accurate regarding your Early Decision application to Rice:

- I wish to be considered as an Early Decision candidate at Rice University.
- I have read and understand my rights and responsibilities under the Early Decision process. I also understand that with an Early Decision offer of admission, this institution may share my name and my Early Decision Agreement with other institutions.
- I understand that all admitted students are automatically considered for merit awards and acknowledge that admission as an Early Decision candidate binds me to attend Rice University whether I am selected for a merit scholarship or not.
- I understand that all Early Decision candidates are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid and that Rice University meets 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students.

**The signatures below confirm that I wish to be considered as an Early Decision candidate at Rice University.**

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yyyy

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yyyy

Signature of Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yyyy

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