



RICE

Early Decision Agreement Freshman Admission 2021-2022

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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 using your [Rice Admission Student Portal](#).

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 *Code of Ethics and Professional Practices* (CEPP):

“3a. Early Decision (ED): Students commit to a first-choice college and, if admitted, agree to enroll and withdraw their other college applications. Colleges may offer ED I or II with different deadlines. This is the only application plan where students are required to accept a college’s offer of admission and submit a deposit prior to May 1.

ii. Colleges must notify candidates of the decision within a clearly stated period of time. A nonrefundable deposit may be required before May 1.

iii. Colleges will respond to an application for financial aid at or near the time of an offer of admission and before a deposit is required. Should a student who applies for financial aid not be offered an award that makes attendance possible, the student may request a release from the Early Decision commitment.

v. While pursuing admission under an Early Decision plan, students may apply to other institutions under a Standard or Early Action Application plan, but may have only one Early Decision application pending at any time.”

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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