

Application for the 2026 Governor's School of Engineering & Technology at

Rutgers University School of Engineering

July 6 - July 31, 2026

The nominated student will be asked to write and upload two essays and three short response compositions in the Student Application form. Students should upload a single file for each written response. Listed below are the writing prompts.

Essay 1

Create an autobiographical sketch of your background, history, interests, and ambitions. Be sure to describe what makes you unique. (Max 1000 words)

Essay 2

Why would you like to attend the Governor's School of Engineering & Technology? What do you hope to gain from and contribute to the program? Be sure to tell us about your interests in engineering and technology, how they've developed, and any steps you have taken to explore these disciplines. (Max 1000 words)

Short Response 1

Tell us about your most meaningful extracurricular activity or interest. (Max 250 words)

Short Response 2

A relevant engineering topic is the [design-thinking framework](#), where innovation is centered in a deep understanding of the problems and experiences people have and how they affect product usage and user experience. This approach helps eliminate exclusionary design. Using the design thinking framework, provide an example of an existing disparity and an engineering solution you would like to explore to solve this problem. (Max 250 words)

Short Response 3

Propose a specific engineering or technology problem you'd like to be working on ten years from now. Why is the problem interesting, and how do you hope to approach it? (Max 250 words)