

RISE Student Frequently Asked Questions

What are the steps to getting matched with a RISE family?

1. Submit an application through riserespite.org.
2. Attend a full-day dementia training at the Dementia Care and Education Campus.
3. Read and sign the Student Agreement.
4. Complete an interview with the RISE Program Coordinators and pass a background check.
5. When a suitable family is available, a program coordinator will introduce you by email so you can schedule your first visit.

Which students are eligible for RISE?

ASU students who:

- Are interested in dementia care or healthcare-related fields.
- Have reliable transportation to and from visits.
- Have lived in the United States for at least five years.

How long does it take to find a match?

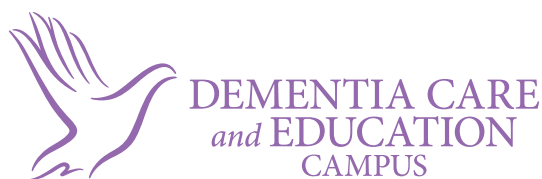
There is no set timeline for matching with a RISE family. The process depends on several factors, including student and family location, scheduling needs, and the availability of screened families. While some students are matched within a week or two, others may wait longer depending on student/ family availability. Throughout the process, you can always request an update, but RISE will notify you as soon as a suitable match becomes available.

Can students without their own car join the RISE program?

Yes. Students do not need to own a car as long as they have a reliable way to travel to visits. Those planning to use rideshare services should keep in mind that families are often located 10–15 miles away and consider whether the transportation costs are manageable. The program requires families to reimburse you 75 cents/mile for any mileage over 12 miles each way.

Can students join RISE just for the summer or one semester?

No. RISE is designed to foster long-term, meaningful relationships between students and older adults. We therefore prioritize students who are committed to participating beyond a single semester or summer.



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Can international students join the RISE program?

Students must have lived in the United States for at least five years before joining RISE because of the requirements of our background check process. If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact rise@hov.org.

Can students from other neighboring Universities join the RISE program?

At this time, RISE is only open to ASU students due to our partnership with Arizona State University. We hope to expand eligibility to students from other universities in the future.

Can graduate students or recently graduated ASU students participate in the RISE program?

Yes. Graduate students and recent ASU graduates are welcome to participate, provided they meet the program's eligibility requirements and can commit to ongoing involvement.

To apply, fill out an application at riserespite.org.

For further questions, email riserespite@hov.org.