

Help with College Application Fee Waivers

Who usually qualifies for an application fee waiver? (Fee waivers are generally available for students who meet one of the following criteria)

- Free/Reduced lunch
- \$0 expected family contribution as calculated by FAFSA
- Students from households that fall below the federal poverty level as found below:

*For most states, the [Income Eligibility Guidelines](#) are as follows:

Members in Household	Total Annual Income
1	\$21,775
2	\$29,471
3	\$37,167
4	\$44,863
5	\$52,599
6	\$60,255

Students are asked on the Apply Texas or Common Application if they are eligible/submitted an application fee waiver.

The only way to know fee waiver requirements for a specific college/university is to research it.

- GOOGLE: Application Fee Waiver + College Name
 - Some colleges require special documentation such as family tax information or counselor letter documenting free/reduced lunch status or extreme hardship.

NACAC Application Fee Waiver

- Eligible students can request 4 from the college and career center or counseling office.
- A counselor must sign.
- Mail the form directly to the college admissions office or upload if accepted.
- School seal is no longer required.

ACT Application Fee Waiver

- Unlike College Board, ACT, Inc. doesn't automatically grant its test fee-waiving students with application fee waivers. Request from the college and career center or counseling office.

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SAT College Board Application Fee Waiver

If you've previously used a College Board SAT fee waiver to take an SAT test for free, you should qualify for four fee waivers from College Board that are automatically deposited into your account.

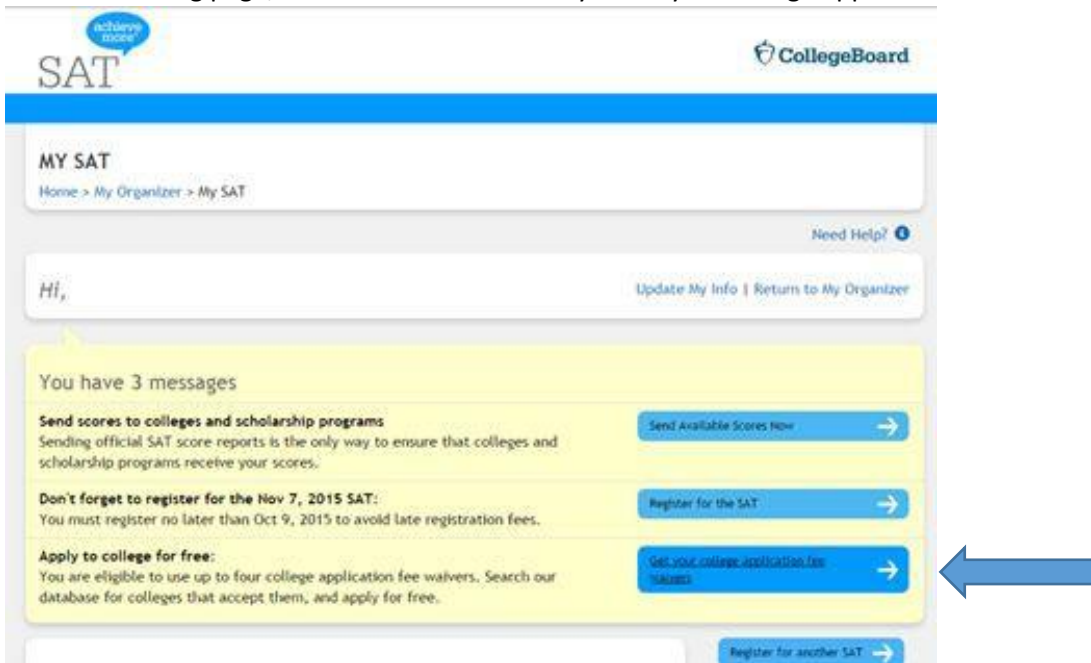
- To print fee waivers go to www.collegeboard.org
- Log In
- Then click "Register" (the blue button in the upper right corner)



The screenshot shows the 'Register for the SAT' page. At the top right, there is a blue 'Register' button. A blue arrow points to this button. Below the button, it says 'Next Tests: 11/7, 12/5'. The main content area includes a table of upcoming test dates.

SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests Availability (Find dates)	Registration Deadline	Status
Nov 7	Subject Tests	Oct 9	Register Now 5 days left
Dec 5	Subject Tests	Nov 5	Register Now 30 days left

- You may be prompted to re-enter your password again.
- On the following page, click the blue box that says "Get your college application fee waivers."



The screenshot shows the 'MY SAT' dashboard. At the bottom of a yellow message box, there is a blue button that says 'Get your college application fee waivers'. A blue arrow points to this button. Other buttons visible include 'Send Available Scores Now', 'Register for the SAT', and 'Register for another SAT'.

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Common Application Fee Waiver Process

▼ **Common App Fee Waiver**

Our member colleges want to make sure that application fees do not pose a barrier for any student who wishes to apply for admission. Do you feel that your financial circumstances might qualify you for an application fee waiver? (Your counselor will be asked to verify your response.) *

Yes

No

[Clear](#)

If you select yes, then you'll be prompted to select an indicator of economic need:

You must meet at least one of the following indicators of economic need to qualify for an application fee waiver.

Select all that apply: *

- I have received or am eligible to receive an ACT or SAT testing fee waiver
- I am enrolled in or am eligible to participate in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch program (FRPL)
- My annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- I am enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., TRIO programs such as Upward Bound)
- My family receives public assistance
- I live in federally subsidized public housing, a foster home or am homeless
- I am a ward of the state or an orphan
- I can provide a supporting statement from a school official, college access counselor, financial aid officer, or community leader

I certify that I understand and meet the eligibility requirements to request an admission application fee waiver. I also understand that my counselor will be asked to verify my eligibility.

Fee Waiver signature: *

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There are other ways to reduce college application costs. Contact the admissions office directly and ask for information on how to get application waivers. Some colleges have opportunities for the following:

- Applying in person at the college
- Applying on special days at the college
- Using a special type of application