

College Application Fee Waivers Guide for Students

College applications can be expensive, but don't worry – there are several types of application FEE WAIVERS available. If you use your fee waivers wisely, you can minimize or even completely eliminate your costs! Furthermore, there are many colleges and universities that do not have any application fees.

Types of Fee Waivers and How to Use Them:

Individual University Fee Waivers – Some colleges and universities offer their own institutional fee waiver that can be used under certain circumstances. You should always check the website of the schools to which you are applying to see if a university fee waiver is available. If it is, that is the one that you should always use first. When in doubt, call the admissions office and ask which kinds of fee waivers are accepted.

Common Application Fee Waivers – Unlimited. The Common Application is used to apply to hundreds of colleges and universities in the US and around the world. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch may apply for an unlimited number of schools using the Common Application with no fee.

Coalition Application Fee Waivers – The Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success will provide application fee waivers that can be applied to most member institutions. Students will be able to determine their eligibility for a fee waiver by answering a brief series of questions while creating their Coalition profile.

College Board Fee Waivers– If you qualify for and use an SAT fee waiver, then you will receive four college application fee waivers from College Board. These fee waivers have your name on them and are sent directly to you (not your counselor). They can be found online in your College Board account.

ACT Fee Waivers – Use these if you took ACT and used an ACT fee waiver to do so. Print out the form found at the link below, and get it signed by your counselor.

<http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/RequestForWaiverForm.pdf>

NACAC Fee Waivers – The NACAC fee waiver can be used at some colleges. You will need to check each school's website and/or call the admissions office to find out whether the NACAC fee waiver is accepted. You can find the NACAC fee waiver at the link below. Print it out and have your counselor sign it before sending it in.

<http://www.nacacnet.org/studentinfo/feewaiver/documents/applicationfeewaiver.pdf>