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Fee Waiver Service

EDUCATOR GUIDE

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About the SAT Fee Waiver Service

Taking the SAT® is a great way for students to see how prepared they are for college and career. Many students find that their test scores confirm their high school grades or can even uncover strengths beyond what their grades show. The SAT Fee Waiver Service gives many low-income students a great opportunity to take the SAT and confirm their college readiness as well as show colleges they're interested in higher education. We understand this is an important commitment and opportunity to support access for all students, and we thank you for helping us reach them.

SAT Fee Waiver Service Benefits

An eligible student can take advantage of the following services for free:

- **Up to 2 registrations** for SAT Weekend.
- **Unlimited score reports**, which can be ordered at any time during the student's testing timeline—both before and after they receive their scores.
- **Waived application fees at participating colleges.** See page 4 of this guide for more information.
- **Free CSS Profile® applications** to apply for financial aid from participating schools. Visit profileonline.collegeboard.org for more information.
- **Coverage of the non-U.S. regional fee** for U.S. students testing internationally.
- **Waived late registration fees.**
- **Waived cancellation fee.** Unused fee waiver benefits will be restored to the student.

Student Eligibility

SAT fee waivers are available to low-income 11th- and 12th-grade students in the U.S. or U.S. territories. Students attending school outside the country must also be U.S. citizens to be eligible for fee waivers.

A student is eligible if one or more of these bullets apply to them:

- The student is enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- The student's family's annual income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service.
- The student is enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., TRIO programs like Upward Bound).
- The student's family receives public assistance.
- The student is unhoused or resides in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home.
- The student is a ward of the state or an orphan.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD ¹ (including head of household)	TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME ² (in preceding calendar year)
1	\$27,861
2	\$37,814
3	\$47,767
4	\$57,720
5	\$67,673
6	\$77,626

1. The household size should be the number of household members including the filer on the family's current tax statement. A student who is in foster care is considered a household size of 1 person.

2. Income levels are based on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service Income Eligibility Guidelines at 185% of the federal poverty level, as used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the NSLP (excludes Alaska and Hawaii).

To view the full table, go to fns.usda.gov/cn/fr-022024.

To determine income levels for families with more than 6 household members, take the annual allowance for 6 members, \$77,626, and add \$9,953 for each additional member.

Note: Distribution of a fee waiver code to a student confirms the student meets 1 or more of the above qualifications. Fee waiver eligibility may be subject to audit.

International Students

- Eligible U.S. citizens who test outside the United States and U.S. territories may use fee waivers, which cover the cost of regular registration and the non-U.S. regional fee. The student is responsible for all other fees.
- Eligible students who are foreign nationals and who live and test in the United States or U.S. territories may also use fee waivers.

Homeschooled Students

Homeschooled students may contact you for a fee waiver code. These students must show proof of eligibility (tax records, public assistance records, or record of enrollment in an aid program). You can also encourage homeschooled students to submit the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form. We know these aren't students you normally serve, and we thank you for helping them access the SAT.

Reducing Your Paperwork

Counselors play an important role by encouraging students to take the SAT and then apply to college. Once an eligible student registers with a fee waiver code from their counselor or an approved **SAT Fee Waiver Request Form**, they'll have access to a full set of fee waiver benefits directly in their College Board account. Students will be able to see and apply those benefits when registering for the SAT. This means less work for you and easier access for your fee waiver-eligible students.

Keeping Students on Track

Here are a few strategies you can use to keep your students on track for test day:

- Track which codes you distribute to your students so you can easily see which codes are still available to give to eligible students. Visit our [website](#) for more tips on code distribution. Distribute fee waiver codes to students who meet the eligibility qualifications detailed in this brochure.

- Alternatively, help students who meet the eligibility qualifications detailed in this brochure complete the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form (see Receive Benefits Through the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form on page 3).
- Give students as much encouragement and support as you can.
- Connect fee waiver recipients to our free SAT practice materials.
- Remind students to plan transportation and other logistics for test day.

School counselors can use the SAT Roster Report, available at k12reports.collegeboard.org, to view students from your school who are registered for the SAT. You can also track who used a fee waiver, who was absent on test day, and other useful information to help keep students on the path to college. The **Fee Waiver Used** column flags both first-time and repeat fee waiver users. The SAT Roster Report is only for use by authorized school personnel.

Accessing Fee Waivers

Please encourage every student who is eligible for fee waivers to use them to register for and take the SAT. Eligible students have two options to access fee waiver benefits: They can receive a fee waiver code from you or they can individually submit information online for fee waiver consideration.

Note: Schools are no longer responsible for identifying fee waiver eligible students through the new SAT Suite Ordering and Registration system.

Distributing Fee Waiver Codes

Your supply of fee waiver codes is for first-time eligible students. The quantity provided to your school is based on the number of fee waivers your students used for first-time testing in the most recent fall and spring testing administrations.

Note: Unused fee waiver codes do not expire. Each fee waiver code can only be used once. You can continue to distribute any unused codes remaining in your inventory in subsequent years. Allocations of fee waiver codes will continue to be based on fee waivers used by enrolled students at your school for first-time testing.

Track which codes you distribute to your students so you can easily see which codes are still available to give to eligible students. Visit our [website](#) for more tips on code distribution.

Please call the Educator Help Line if you need fee waiver codes (see Contact Us). **The distribution of additional fee waiver codes will be based on your school's current fee waiver usage.**

To access electronic fee waiver codes:

- 1 Sign in to the K–12 score reporting portal at k12reports.collegeboard.org.
- 2 Click **Downloads** and select **Custom Reports from College Board**.
- 3 Your file of electronic fee waiver codes will appear in **My Custom Reports**.
- 4 Click the **Download** option to download the file.

If you have eligible students planning to register for the SAT in August 2025, distribute fee waiver codes before school closes for the summer or encourage them to submit the [SAT Fee Waiver Request Form](#).

Receive Benefits Through the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form

Students can access the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form through the main fee waiver webpage at sat.org/feewaivers. Students will answer a few questions on the form and provide contact information for an adult who can confirm their eligibility. Students may not select a relative as their adult contact. In some cases, College Board may reach out to the adult contact who the student provides to confirm their fee waiver eligibility. Once approved, students will see their fee waiver benefits loaded into their account and can automatically apply those benefits when registering for an SAT. Students who get benefits through the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form do not need to enter a 12-digit code when registering for an SAT. **Please encourage students to be mindful of registration deadlines and apply for fee waivers as early as possible so they can use those benefits in a timely manner.**

Registering Using a Fee Waiver Code

To register online, each student uses or creates a free account at sat.org and clicks **Register Now**. If the student received a fee waiver code from a school counselor/agency official, they can enter the unique 12-digit fee waiver code under **Got a fee waiver code**. Eligible students will only need to enter a code once to access their full set of fee waiver benefits. Students who were approved for fee waiver benefits through the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form will already have access to their benefits and won't need to enter a code.

Important Registration Notes

Please make sure your students understand:

- Fee waiver codes don't expire, but they can only be used once.
- Fee waivers can't be used for waitlist status.
- Registrations made with a fee waiver can be canceled (by the published test date) at no charge. The related fee waiver benefit will be restored to the student's account.
- Late registration with a fee waiver is allowed at no charge for testing where available. See sat.org/dates for additional test dates and late registration deadlines.

Free Unlimited Score Reports

Students who are eligible for fee waivers can send an unlimited number of score reports for free. They can use these credits at registration or after they get their scores. Once a student has used a fee waiver code, their unlimited score report credits are applied automatically. Students send the reports online.

If an eligible student hasn't used a fee waiver code to register for SAT Weekend, or if they took the SAT in school on a school day, they'll need to enter a fee waiver code on the screen to apply the unlimited score report credits. In these cases, you'll need to issue them a fee waiver code. For students receiving benefits through the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form, benefits will be added into their account.

College Application Fee Waivers

A student can use free college application fee waivers if:

- They meet 1 or more of the eligibility qualifications for using an SAT fee waiver.
- They have taken at least 1 SAT with a fee waiver, or they have taken an SAT that was paid for by their state or school district.
- They are applying for admission to college for the 2025-26 academic year.

School counselors can see which of their students used an SAT fee waiver to take the SAT on the SAT Roster Report at k12reports.collegeboard.org.

Distribution of Electronic Forms

College application fee waiver forms will be distributed electronically to students, eliminating the need for additional counselor verification.

Students will access their college application fee waivers via their College Board accounts by going to sat.org and clicking **Sign In**.

Once students sign in, they'll see a **Free College Benefits** section under **You have fee waiver benefits** with a link where they can print their college application fee waivers, search for colleges that accept the waivers, and review submission instructions specific to each school.

Using the Forms

As you advise students, you may find it helpful to search for colleges that accept college application fee waivers by visiting bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search.

Students in the class of 2025 will get college application fee waivers at the same time they receive their SAT score. Students will get an email notification and instructions for accessing their college application fee waivers online from their College Board accounts.

For more information on how students receive and use college application fee waivers, go to sat.org/collegeappfeewaiver.

Contact Us

Visit collegeboard.org/feewaiver to get more information for educators, or contact us (include or have your College Board high school or agency code available).

SAT Educator Help Line:

866-502-6384

+1 212-520-8570

Email: SAT@info.collegeboard.org

Additional College Board Services

The *Fee Waiver Service Student Brochure* gives students and their families information about the services College Board provides. Refer to the brochure at sat.org/fee-waivers to learn more about:

- Free, tailored practice for the SAT at satpractice.org.
- BigFuture at bigfuture.org, the free, comprehensive career and college planning site from College Board, where students can discover their path for life after high school.

- BigFuture Career Search is an engaging, personalized career exploration tool that helps students learn more about future career options based on their interests. Visit bigfuture.org/career-search.
- Student Search Service to connect students to colleges and scholarship programs. Learn more at studentsearch.collegeboard.org.
- Help paying for college at profileonline.collegeboard.org.