

SAT WEEKEND

Fee Waiver Service

Educator Guide



Benefits of the SAT
fee waiver service



Student
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sat.org/fee-waivers.

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 provides eligible students the opportunity to take the SAT at no cost. Expanding access for all students is important work, and we appreciate your partnership in helping students access these opportunities.

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 international fee** for U.S. citizens 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 living in the United States or territories and U.S. citizens living abroad.

A student is eligible if 1 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. See fns.usda.gov for more details.
- 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.

NOTE: Distribution of a fee waiver code to a student confirms the student meets 1 or more of the 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 international 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 online. You can review eligibility details and share the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form at satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers. We know these aren't students you normally serve, and we thank you for helping them access the SAT.

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 using the SAT Roster Report so you can easily see which codes are still available to give to eligible students. Visit our website, [Getting SAT Fee Waivers for Schools](#), 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.
- 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 2 options to access fee waiver benefits:

- Counselors access fee waiver codes at k12reports.collegeboard.org and distribute to students.
- Students submit their information directly to College Board through the online SAT Fee Waiver Request Form accessible via satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers.

Fee Waiver Codes

Your supply of fee waiver codes is for first-time eligible students. The quantity provided to your school is based on historical usage. Every school will receive an initial set of at least 30 codes.

NEW FOR 2026-27

We're updating our SAT fee waiver codes on Aug. 13, 2026. When new fee waiver codes are distributed, all unused fee waiver codes provided to schools prior to Aug. 13 will expire. You'll still be able to access the new fee waiver codes in your K–12 score reporting portal through the Downloads Center, and the new codes will begin with FW26. Please be sure to provide updated fee waiver codes to all eligible students.

Please call the Educator Help Line if you need fee waiver codes (see Contact Us on page 4). The distribution of additional fee waiver codes will be based on your school's current fee waiver usage.

To access electronic fee waiver codes, sign in to the K–12 score reporting portal at k12reports.collegeboard.org. Make sure you're logged in to your school-level account.

If you have eligible students planning to register for the SAT in August, distribute fee waiver codes before school closes for the summer or encourage them to submit the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form linked below. Remember that once the new fee waiver codes are sent to schools on August 13, 2026, any previous waiver codes will expire. Students can activate the existing codes before then and their benefits will remain in their account after the codes expire on Aug. 13, but if they have not activated those codes before they expire, they will need a new code in order to receive fee waivers.

SAT Fee Waiver Request Form

Students can access the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form at satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers. Students will answer a few questions on the form and provide contact information for an adult who can confirm their eligibility. 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 administration. 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 administration. **Please encourage students to apply for fee waivers early and keep track of registration deadlines at satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines.**

Registering Using a Fee Waiver Code

To register online, each student visits sat.org/register and clicks **Register Now** to sign in or create their personal College Board student account. 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 code!** before they begin registration or during the registration process before completing checkout.

IMPORTANT: 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. Students are only allowed to use this code once.

SAT Fee Waiver Codes vs. Request Form

While the SAT Fee Waiver Request Form is a convenient option for many students, you may still choose to distribute codes to your students, especially in these situations:

- The SAT registration deadline is close. It takes about 1–2 weeks for a request submitted via the form to be approved, while students with a fee waiver code can access their benefits immediately.
- You want to be proactive and ensure that your students take advantage of the fee waivers available to them.
- You are concerned that a qualified student may have difficulty choosing an adult to verify their eligibility.

Important Registration Notes

- Fee waiver codes can only be used once, but they cover the cost of 2 SAT administrations. Students may receive only 1 set of fee waiver benefits per lifetime.
- 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.

If you have fee waiver codes, be sure to distribute them so that students can access these benefits and your school will continue to receive the amount of fee waiver codes you need.

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 at sendsatscores.collegeboard.org/login.

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 all of the following requirements:

- 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 a high school senior or have graduated in the last year, and they are applying to colleges during the 2026-27 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.

When eligible students sign in to their College Board student accounts, 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 using BigFuture® by visiting bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search.

Students in the class of 2027 will get college application fee waivers at the same time they receive their SAT score.

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).

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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 offers free, comprehensive career and college planning from College Board. Students can discover their path for life after high school using bigfuture.org.

- 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