

College Application Fee Waiver 2015-16 Counselor and Adviser Guide

The College Board, along with our members, has launched a national effort to propel low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented students into the educational opportunities they have earned.

Every income-eligible senior who takes the SAT® using a fee waiver will receive four college application fee-waiver forms directly from the College Board. These forms will be delivered electronically to students and may be used to apply to any of the 2,000 participating colleges.

SUMMARY

The college application fee-waiver program builds on our partnership with thousands of college professionals, school counselors, and college advisers across the country by:

- ▶ Aligning with higher education's long-standing commitment to ensure that application fees are not a barrier.
- ▶ Streamlining college application fee-waiver distribution to simplify the process for students, counselors, and advisers by no longer requiring a second counselor validation.
- ▶ Relying on research that shows that giving college application fee waivers directly to low-income students improves their college application and enrollment rates.

COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE-WAIVER DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY

College Application Fee-Waiver Distribution

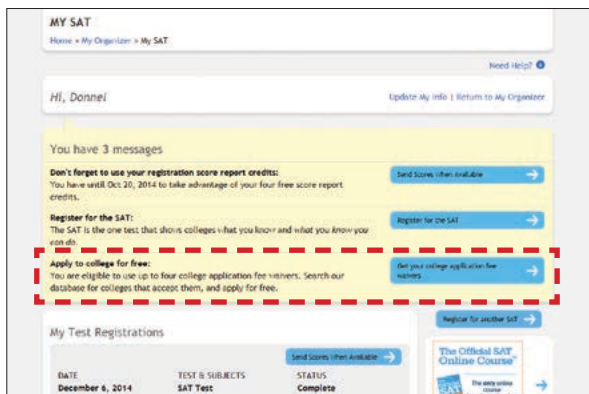
College application fee-waiver forms will be distributed electronically to students, eliminating the need for additional counselor verification. Eligible students will access their college application fee waivers via their College Board online accounts by visiting collegeboard.org/mysat.

Once students log in, they will see a message titled **Apply to college for free** with a link to where they can print their college application fee waivers, search for colleges that accept the waivers, and review submission instructions specific to each school.

As a counselor, you can search for colleges that accept application fee waivers by visiting collegeboard.org/waiver-colleges to help advise your students.

Students in the class of 2016 who tested during the 2014-15 academic year will be able to access their college application fee waivers online beginning July 2015. Seniors testing for the first time during 2015-16 will receive college application fee waivers at the same time they receive their SAT test scores. Students will receive notification and instructions about accessing their fee waivers online from their SAT accounts.

Note: Students from the class of 2016 and the class of 2017 who test with an SAT fee waiver will receive college application fee waivers at the beginning of their senior year.



Support for Students

Counselors and advisers will continue to provide critical support to students throughout the college application process. By delivering these college application fee waivers directly to students, the program allows counselors and advisers to spend more time supporting their students, while reducing some of their own administrative work.

In addition to this guide, we have enclosed backup college application fee waivers for counselors and advisers to distribute in case students have challenges accessing their forms online from their SAT accounts. **Before distributing these forms, please make sure students have not received college application fee waivers directly from the College Board.**

Student Eligibility Conditions

These are the student eligibility conditions for use of college application fee waivers from the College Board (online or backup paper forms). Counselors will be able to see which students test using an SAT fee waiver on the SAT Counselor Registration Report.

- ☒ The student meets one or more of the eligibility criteria[†] for using an SAT fee waiver.
- ☒ The student has taken at least one SAT or SAT Subject Test with a fee waiver, or has taken an SAT that was paid for by his or her state or school district.
- ☒ The student is applying for admission to college during the 2016-17 academic year.

Terms of Use

Participating colleges have agreed to consider waiving their application fees. Colleges may have specific fee-waiver policies or criteria, and they retain the final decision on whether to waive the application fee. College application fee-waiver forms should not be used for applications to colleges that do not participate.

College application fee waivers are not intended for waiver of test fees for either the SAT or SAT Subject Tests[™].

Backup College Application Fee-Waiver Form Instructions

For the student:

College Application Fee Waiver 2015-16	CollegeBoard SAT
STUDENT ELIGIBILITY	
Congratulations on your academic achievements in high school! You have earned the right to the educational opportunities that college provides.	
If you meet ALL the following criteria, you are eligible to apply to many colleges for FREE.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You are eligible to use an SAT [®] fee waiver. (See sat.org/fee-waivers .)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You have used a fee waiver to take the SAT or an SAT Subject Test, or have taken an SAT that was paid for by your state or district.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You are applying to college for the 2016-17 school year.	
STUDENT INFORMATION	
By signing and submitting this form, you agree that the statements below are true.	
→ I am eligible to use college application fee-waiver forms.	
→ I understand I can use no more than four college application fee-waiver forms from the College Board.	
→ I understand that many colleges participate; however, they are not obligated to waive college application fees.	
Student's Name: _____ <small>(Please print—do not write name at college application)</small>	
Address: _____	
City: _____, State: _____, ZIP: _____	
Phone: _____, Date of Birth: _____	
Social Security No.: _____, Email: _____	
SIGN HERE	
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT	
<small>*Social Security number is an optional field. Colleges may use this information to match student admission and financial aid applications.</small>	
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- 1 Fill out the student information section on the form and sign.
- 2 Check to see that the college you are applying to will accept this fee waiver. Colleges that accept this form can be found at collegeboard.org/waiver-colleges.
- 3 Typically, students submit the completed form with their college application. Check to see if the college you are applying to has any instructions on how to submit the form, then follow those instructions.
- 4 Attach the completed form to the college application and submit.

[†] See the 2015-16 *Counselor's Guide to Fee Waivers for the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests* or get more information at collegeboard.org/feewaiver.

