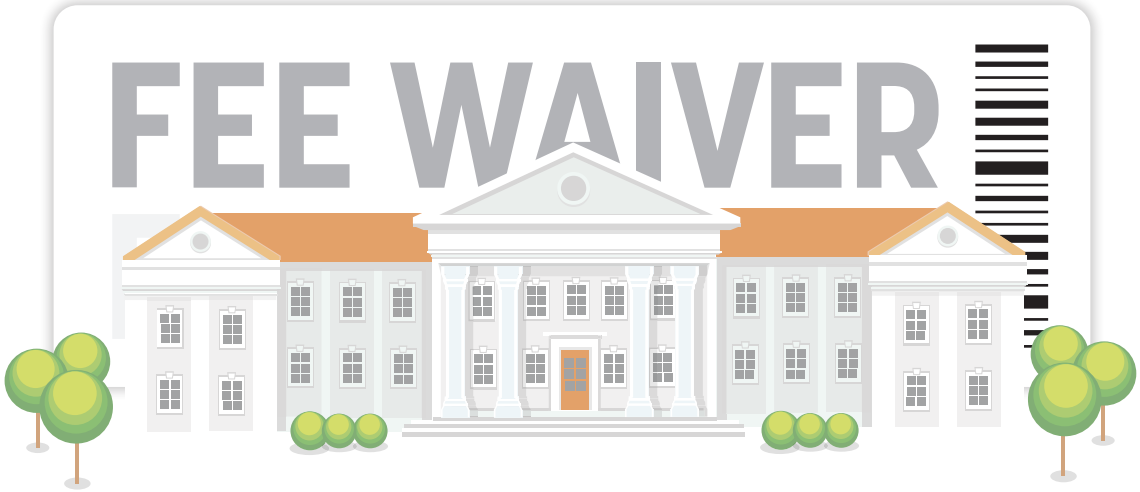
COLLEGE APPLICATION **FEE WAIVERS**

WHO ACCEPTS FEE WAIVERS?

Most two-year and four-year colleges have application fees. Many of those colleges will accept the ACT, College Board, and/or NACAC fee waiver for students who meet the criteria (more information below). For these colleges, many will list fee waivers as a payment option on the admissions application. Check with your school counselor to see if the college(s) you plan to apply to charge a fee and, if so, whether they accept fee waivers from eligible students.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Typically, fee waivers are available to students for whom the college application fees would create a financial burden or hardship. Students eligible for fee waivers to college entrance exams, such as the ACT or SAT, are usually also eligible for college application fee waivers.

TYPES OF FEE WAIVERS

WHAT FEE WAIVERS ARE AVAILABLE?

There are three types of fee waivers typically accepted by colleges and universities, but it is important to note that not all colleges and universities will accept fee waivers. Students or school counselors should confirm with the admissions office at specific institutions to ensure fee waivers are accepted.

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ACT FEE WAIVER

ACT provides a college application fee waiver in their ACT User Handbook for Educators publication, link below. Students who are eligible for a fee waiver to the ACT college entrance exam are also eligible for a college application fee waiver. School counselors need only print out the number of fee waivers needed and sign-off on student eligibility. Students must also sign the form. The college application fee waiver may be found here:

https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/RequestForWaiverForm.pdf

COLLEGE BOARD FEE WAIVERS

The College Board states that students who have received a College Board fee waiver for the SAT or the SAT subject tests may also be eligible for college application fee waivers. Students should receive their college application fee waivers at the beginning of their senior year through their SAT accounts. College Board fee waivers no longer require school counselor approval. More information on the College Board fee waiver can be found here: **https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/plan-for-college/apply-to-college/college-application-fee-waiver-faq.**

The College Board also provides additional information including a link to which colleges accept the College Board application fee waiver here: **www.sat.org/fee-waivers**.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING (NACAC) FEE WAIVER

This college application fee waiver can be downloaded from NACAC's website, provided below. Instructions for submission can be found on the NACAC website, including a list of eligibility requirements. NACAC recommends that students receive no more than four fee waivers for the college application process. Additional information on the NACAC fee waiver can be found on their website here: **www.nacacnet.org/student/fee-waivers/**