

The SAT and SAT Subject Tests: Fee Waiver Program Overview

If you're eligible for a fee waiver, you can take the SAT[®] or SAT Subject Tests[™] for free and access additional benefits to apply to college.

Fee Waiver Eligibility

In an effort to connect more students to the opportunities they've earned, College Board has expanded its distribution of electronic fee waiver codes to school counselors, test coordinators, and community-based organizations to make it easier for students to access SAT fee waivers.

If you're a high school student who lives in the United States or its territories, or who is a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., you may be able to receive fee waivers. To be eligible, you must meet at least one of the qualifications below:

- You're enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Your annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.
- You're enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (such as Federal TRIO programs like Upward Bound).
- Your family receives public assistance.
- You live in federally subsidized public housing, are in a foster home, or are homeless.
- You're a ward of the state or an orphan.

College Board recognizes the impact that covid-19 may have on families' economic situations and school counselors may use their best professional judgment in identifying eligible students for SAT fee waivers. If you're unsure if you qualify or face financial difficulties due to covid-19, we encourage you to reach out to your school counselor to explain your situation and determine your eligibility for an SAT fee waiver.

How to Get a Fee Waiver

See your school counselor to get a fee waiver code. Once your counselor determines that you're eligible, you can receive a fee waiver code or card to register. You're eligible for 2 SAT registrations and 2 SAT Subject Test registrations (up to 6 individual Subject Tests). (That is, you can't use fee waivers for more than 2 SAT registrations or more than 2 SAT Subject Test registrations.)

If you've already used a fee waiver code or accepted your fee waiver benefits, you'll see a dashboard with your available benefits when you log in to your College Board account.

Learn more about fee waivers at sat.org/feewaivers.

Fee Waiver Benefits

Fee waivers cover more than just the testing fees. When you register for the SAT or SAT Subject Tests, the fee waiver will cover:

- The registration fee for the SAT with or without the Essay or the registration and test fees for 6 SAT Subject Tests (up to 3 on 1 test day). You can use a fee waiver for SAT Subject Tests anytime in high school. You need to be in the 11th or 12th grade to use a fee waiver for the SAT.
- 2 free Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or Student Answer Service (SAS) reports if ordered at the time of SAT registration. These 2 services give you more information about the types of test questions and how you answered them. (QAS and SAS aren't available for SAT Subject Tests.)
- Unlimited score reports, which you can order any time after registering for the test(s), including after you've seen your scores.
- Waived application fees [at participating colleges](#). If you are a senior and eligible for college application fee waivers, you will receive them in your College Board account when you get your SAT score. Juniors will receive them in the fall of your senior year.
- Free CSS Profile™ applications to apply online for financial aid from participating schools. Learn more at profileonline.collegeboard.org.
- The non-U.S. regional fee for U.S. students testing internationally.
- The late registration fee for students testing in the United States or U.S. territories.

How to Register for the SAT Using a Fee Waiver

If you're registering for the SAT online, you'll need to enter the following:

- The 12-digit fee waiver code
- The name of a high school counselor or another authorized person
- The way you qualified for the waiver

If you're registering by mail with a fee waiver card, make sure it includes this information, and send it along with your paper registration form. Be sure to complete the fee waiver information in the form's Payment Information field. Incomplete cards or forms will be mailed back to you unprocessed.

If you've already used a fee waiver code, or taken the PSAT/NMSQT® or SAT on a school day and accepted fee waiver benefits, you'll see a dashboard with your available benefits. If you still need to [accept your fee waiver benefits](#), you'll need to:

1. Log in to your College Board account and click on **My SAT**.
2. Complete and save Step 1 (Update Personal Info).
3. Return to your College Board account homepage and click on **My SAT** again.
4. Acknowledge and accept your fee waiver benefits from the pop-up window.

The screenshot shows a 'Fee Waiver' form with the following fields and options:

- Do you have a fee waiver?** (with an information icon)
 - Yes, I have a fee waiver
 - No
- Your SAT Fee Waiver Identification Number** (with an information icon)
 - Text input field containing: 1234561M96BE
- Eligibility**
 - I have Student Verification of Eligibility
- Counselor Name**
 - Text input field containing: John Smith
- Fee Waiver Criteria**

Check all that may apply to you

 - Family receives public assistance
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