Fee Waivers

By filling out the CSS Profile™ application, students can apply online for nonfederal financial aid from almost 400 colleges, universities, professional schools, and scholarship programs. Providing eligible students with fee waivers for College Board programs and services is integral to our mission of connecting students to college success and opportunity.

First-time domestic college applicants may receive CSS Profile fee waivers:

- If the student qualified for an SAT fee waiver
- If the student is an orphan or ward of the court under the age of 24
- Based on parental income and family size (e.g. family of 4 would qualify with income of $45,000 or less)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What does a CSS Profile fee waiver cover?
A. The fee for the initial CSS Profile and one college or program report is $25. Additional reports are $16. CSS Profile fee waivers cover all application and reporting fees.

Q. When are students notified that they received a CSS Profile fee waiver?
A. Students find out if they’re eligible for CSS Profile fee waivers as part of the online payment process once they’ve completed the CSS Profile application.

Q. Are U.S. citizens living abroad eligible for CSS Profile fee waivers?
A. No. A dependent student’s custodial parents must live in the U.S. or a U.S. territory to be eligible for a CSS Profile fee waiver.

Q. Do students who qualified for an SAT fee waiver need to enter a code to get a CSS Profile fee waiver?
A. No. Students can log in to CSS Profile using the same credentials they used when registering for the SAT to be considered for an SAT-based CSS Profile fee waiver.

Q. Will a student who doesn’t qualify for an SAT fee waiver be considered for a CSS Profile fee waiver?
A. Yes. First-time domestic students are considered based on the information on their CSS Profile application. They would still qualify based on parental income or orphan or ward of the court status.

Q. Can a student who qualifies for an SAT fee waiver also get an SAT-based CSS Profile fee waiver automatically for both the custodial and noncustodial parent?
A. Some colleges may require the CSS Profile from students whose parents are divorced or separated. In these cases, the custodial family will receive the SAT-based CSS Profile fee waiver. Although the noncustodial family won’t receive an SAT-based CSS Profile fee waiver, the family may get a CSS Profile fee waiver based on additional information provided on the application.

Q. Does an SAT School Day or other SAT voucher grant a CSS Profile fee waiver automatically?
A. No. Students who get an SAT voucher, or who have the SAT paid through their school or district, don’t qualify for CSS Profile fee waivers automatically. Only students who qualified for an SAT fee waiver are considered for a CSS Profile fee waiver based on their SAT fee waiver eligibility.

Q: What should I do if I wasn’t awarded an automatic fee waiver, but my family’s financial situation changed significantly due to a natural disaster such as a hurricane, tornado, or wild fire?
A: Before submitting your application, contact customer service and explain your situation: https://finaid.collegeboard.org/cssprofile-student/s/