

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 used an SAT fee waiver
- The parental income reported on their CSS Profile is approximately \$45,000 or less
- The student is an orphan or ward of the court under the age of 24

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 both the application and reporting fees for up to eight colleges or programs.

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 received 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 get 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. Generally students are eligible for a CSS Profile fee waiver if their family has an annual parental income of approximately \$45,000 or less if they are orphans or wards of the court under the age of 24.

Q. Can a student who uses 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 used an SAT fee waiver are considered for a CSS Profile fee waiver based on their SAT fee waiver eligibility.