

2016–2017

The SAT[®] and SAT Subject Tests[™] **Fee Waivers**

Student Brochure



Covers the Oct. 1, 2016,
to June 3, 2017, administrations



Student eligibility criteria



The benefits of the
SAT[®] Fee-Waiver Service



Information on obtaining a
SAT fee waiver and other resources

Learn more at sat.org/fee-waivers.

Fee-Waiver Eligibility

If you are 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 criteria below:

- You are 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 (provided below).
- You are enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound).
- Your family receives public assistance.
- You live in federally subsidized public housing, a foster home, or are homeless.
- You are a ward of the state or an orphan.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2016-17

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD (including head of household) ¹	TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME (in preceding calendar year) ²
1	\$21,978
2	\$29,637
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273

1. The household size should be the number of household members plus the filer on the family's current tax statement. A student who is in foster care is considered a household size of one person.
2. Income levels are based on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service Income Eligibility Guidelines for reduced price meals used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). To see the complete table of guidelines, go to fns.usda.gov/slp and select **Income Eligibility**.

More than six members in the household?

To determine income levels for families with more than six household members, take the annual allowance for six members, \$60,273, and add \$7,696 for each additional member.

The Benefits of the SAT® Fee-Waiver Service

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

- 1 **The registration fee** for the SAT or SAT Subject Tests (the fee covers the costs of up to three individual SAT Subject Tests taken on a single 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 **Four additional score reports**, which you can order at no charge at any time after registering for the test(s), including after you have seen your scores. You are entitled to a total of four such reports regardless of how many fee waivers you use.
- 3 **Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or Student Answer Service (SAS)** if ordered at the time of registration. These two services provide more information about the types of test questions and how you answered them. (QAS and SAS aren't available for SAT Subject Tests.)
- 4 **Up to four College Application Fee Waivers** (see the information later in this pamphlet).
- 5 **Coverage of the Non-U.S. Regional Fee** for students testing internationally.

How to Get a Fee Waiver

See your school counselor or agency official to obtain a waiver. If you are a home-schooled student, you will need to provide proof of eligibility (tax records, public assistance records, or record of enrollment in an aid program) to a high school counselor in your area.

Once your counselor determines that you are eligible, you can receive up to four fee-waiver cards. **You are eligible for two SAT registrations and two SAT Subject Test registrations** (for example, you can't use three fee waivers for the SAT and one for SAT Subject Tests).

Test Day

For a list of everything you need to bring with you on test day, check your Admission Ticket and review the requirements at sat.org/test-day. Most important, bring yourself! When you take the SAT or SAT Subject Tests, you open up opportunities to connect to scholarship programs and to show colleges your interest in pursuing higher education.

Using Fee Waivers

Talk to your counselor about registering for the SAT or SAT Subject Tests and whether you qualify for a fee waiver. If you qualify for a fee waiver, you'll get up to four cards, each with a unique fee-waiver code to use for registration. Make sure to register by the deadline.

New: Beginning in 2017, you can take the SAT or SAT Subject Tests in August, and if you qualify for a fee waiver, you can use this year's card to register for August. Be sure to get a fee-waiver card with the first section completed by your counselor before the end of the school year.

Online Registration

You can use a fee waiver when registering online for the tests at sat.org/register. You will be asked to enter the following information from your card: the 12-digit fee-waiver code, your counselor's name, and the eligibility criteria you meet. You can use each fee-waiver code only once.

Paper Registration

To register by mail, complete all required fields on both the fee-waiver card and the registration form. Incomplete cards or forms will be mailed back to you unprocessed. Required fields include: your name exactly as it appears on your acceptable photo ID, your sex, date of birth, high school code, grade level, acceptable photo, the date and type of test you're taking, and test center code. Codes are available in the counseling office or online at collegeboard.org/sat-codes. Mail your completed registration form and card by the deadline (or, if testing at an international location, in time to be **received** by the deadline).

Important Registration Notes

- **You will be asked to provide a photo at registration.** Any registrations will be rejected if submitted without a photo (unless exempt from the requirement). See sat.org/test-day and the *Student Registration Booklet* for more information.
- **Fee-waiver codes are good for only one registration.** If you register with a fee waiver and miss the test day, you cannot reregister with the same fee-waiver code. You can, however, pay a fee to change your registration (change fees are not covered by fee waivers). To do this, go online or call Customer Service and transfer your registration to another test date.
- **Fee waivers may not be used for Waitlist requests.**
- **Fee waivers can be used during the late registration period if you are testing in the United States or U.S. territories.** Refer to the fee-waiver card for deadlines if you are registering online. See the back of the *Student Registration Booklet* for deadlines that apply to mailed or international registrations.

Additional College Board Services

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®

Prepare for SAT success with the Official SAT Practice at satpractice.org. Start today to get personalized, world-class practice for the SAT — totally free. Khan Academy's interactive program is powered by thousands of practice problems, codeveloped by the College Board and Khan Academy. If you took the PSAT/NMSQT®, you can link your results to get personalized practice recommendations. You can also practice with *The SAT Student Guide* to see test directions and sample questions for the SAT. The Guide also includes a full-length practice test and a special answer grid for automatic scoring.

Daily Practice for the New SAT App

For quick, on-the-go practice, the Daily Practice for the SAT mobile app is available for iOS (iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android devices (phones and tablets).

BigFuture™

Once you have decided to apply to college, you will need a plan to make that goal a reality. At bigfuture.org, you'll find a college planning site filled with examples of how real students made their college choices. The site helps you find out more about the application process, access financial aid tools, explore majors, and more — all to help you narrow down your choices and find the right college. Go to bigfuture.org and begin creating your own customized plans to make the dream of college a reality.

Student Search Service®

The Student Search Service® is a program designed to connect college-bound students with college and scholarship opportunities. Sign up at registration. For more information, visit sat.org/studentsearch.

Paying for College

The College Board offers financial aid information and an application service called CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®. Find out more at profileonline.collegeboard.org.

REMINDER: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form you'll need to qualify for most financial aid opportunities opens on October 1. If you are applying to colleges, you should aim to complete your FAFSA as early as possible.

College Application Fee Waivers

If you qualify for a fee waiver and have taken the SAT or SAT Subject Tests with a fee waiver or as part of a district or state program while in high school, you will automatically receive up to four College Application Fee Waivers to use when applying to college for the 2017-18 academic year. You should only submit the forms along with your college applications, and only to institutions listed in the *College Application Fee Waiver Directory of Colleges*. The directory is available online at collegeboard.org/waiver-colleges. If you think you are eligible for College Application Fee Waivers, but did not receive them online, talk to your counselor.

Note: You are entitled to use no more than four College Application Fee Waivers, and institutions listed in the directory are not obligated to waive their application fees.

Have Questions?

Contact SAT Customer Service if you have questions about your fee-waiver benefits:

sat.org/fee-waivers

Toll-free: 866-756-7346

Outside the U.S.: +1 212-713-7789

Email: sat@info.collegeboard.org

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