

# Understanding Application Fee Waivers

## What is An Application Fee Waiver?

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Let's clear up the confusion about fee waivers! An application fee waiver is a form (aka waiver) that allows you to submit your college applications without paying a fee.

## Average Application Fees

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Let's talk about the cost of simply applying to college. Of course, not every college has an application fee, but you should know that the [average fee is \\$50](#). If you have limited financial resources, make sure to request an application fee waiver.

## How to Request a Fee Waiver in Scoir

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When using Scoir to discover colleges and plan your application strategy, there are several ways to request a fee waiver.

### By Beginning the Application Process

When you use Scoir to apply to a Coalition member college, obtaining [a fee waiver](#) is simple. Complete the Fee Waiver section of your Application Profile, selecting criteria that apply to you—no additional documentation or verification is needed. If you're eligible, Scoir will make it easy for you to identify where you can apply for free. Eligibility criteria include:

- Qualifying for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program
- Receiving a College Board, ACT, and/or NACAC fee waiver
- Being eligible for a Pell Grant
- Participating in TRIO programs

Additionally, veterans and active members of the U.S. Armed Forces may be eligible for Coalition's Fee Waiver by selecting criteria in this section of the Application Profile.

### By Digitally Requesting One via My Colleges

Requesting a fee waiver can be done in a few short steps from the student dashboard via the My Colleges tab.

## How to Request a Fee Waiver Outside of Scoir

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### Application Fee Waiver from NACAC

The National Association for College Admission Counseling, or NACAC, provides an application fee waiver that is available to students who have limited financial resources. Get the full [eligibility criteria here](#).

### School-Specific Fee Waiver

In addition to the fee waivers listed above, some schools may provide their own institution-specific fee waivers. Check with a school's admission office to understand what you'll need to submit to obtain a fee waiver. And remember, some schools may not charge an application fee at all.