

SAT Weekend Fee Waivers – What Counselors Need to Know

Encourage your fee-waiver–eligible students, especially those in the class of 2021 without a test score, to register now for fall SAT administrations. To assist your fee-waiver–eligible students in accessing and maximizing their benefits, check out the following information:

What is a SAT Fee Waiver? What are the benefits?

Students eligible for a fee waiver can take two SAT® and two SAT Subject Tests™ (up to six individual Subject Tests) for free and get other benefits to apply to college including:

- 2 free Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or Student Answer Service (SAS) reports if ordered at the time of registration. (QAS and SAS are not available for SAT Subject Tests.)
- Unlimited score reports, which can be ordered at any time after registering for the test(s), including after students review their scores.
- Waived application fees at participating colleges.
- Free CSS Profile™ applications to apply online for financial aid from participating schools.
- The non-U.S. regional fee for U.S. students testing internationally.
- The late registration fee.

Who is eligible?

Eligible students must be in 11th- or 12th-grade to use fee waivers for the SAT. Any eligible student in grades 9–12 may use fee waivers for SAT Subject Tests.

Fee waivers are available to high school students who meet at least one of the eligibility qualifications listed here.

PRIMARY COLLEGE BOARD FEE WAIVER ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS

- A student must either be enrolled in or eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to get a fee waiver.
- If the primary eligibility indicators cannot be used, use the additional indicators to determine student eligibility.
- ADDITIONAL FEE WAIVER ELIGIBILITY INDICATORS
 - The student's annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service.
 - The student is enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (such as TRIO programs like Upward Bound).
 - The student lives in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home or is homeless.
 - The student is a ward of the state or an orphan.

Step by Step – Connecting Students to Their SAT Weekend and Subject Test Fee Waiver Benefits

Students can log in to their College Board account to unlock fee waiver benefits if they have taken the:

- PSAT/NMSQT® or SAT School Day and were identified as fee waiver eligible through the Test Ordering System (TOS).
- SAT or SAT Subject Test with a fee waiver.

Students can sign in or create a free account at collegeboard.org to register for the SAT. If an eligible fee waiver student has not previously taken the SAT or an SAT Subject Test or participated in PSAT/NMSQT or SAT School Day, the



student will be prompted to enter a unique 12-digit fee waiver code, counselor name, and eligibility qualifications during the registration process.

Who are the students?

- Students (11th grade) who have taken the PSAT/NMSQT or students (11th or 12th grade) who have participated in SAT School Day** and their schools have identified their fee waiver eligibility in the College Board Test Ordering System (TOS):*
 - When counselors indicate that an 11th-grade student is eligible for fee waivers during the PSAT/NMSQT invoicing process, or an 11th- or 12th-grade student is eligible for fee waivers during the SAT School Day invoicing process, all fee waiver benefits are unlocked for that student and can be accessed by the student through their College Board account.
 - Students must log in to their College Board account to confirm that they are eligible and access their SAT fee waiver benefits. NO additional SAT fee waiver card or electronic fee waiver code is needed to register for the SAT or SAT Subject Tests.
 - Counselors should encourage students to accept their fee waiver benefits in their student account. If students **do not** confirm eligibility, they can ask their counselor for a fee waiver card or electronic fee waiver code to activate benefits in the future. Only one card or code is needed to activate student fee waiver benefits in their College Board account for online registration.
**Reminder: students identified for fee waiver eligibility through these scenarios do not require a fee waiver card or electronic fee waiver code to register for a weekend SAT.*
- Students (11th or 12th grade) who are testing for the FIRST-TIME in an SAT Weekend administration and have not been previously identified** in the Test Ordering System after taking the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT School Day:
 - Students must contact their school counselor for a fee waiver code to register for the SAT and to unlock all fee waiver benefits.
 - All fee waiver benefits will be delivered to a student's College Board account once a fee waiver code is entered with their first online registration.
 - To register, students will need to log in or create a free account at collegeboard.org. During the registration process, the student will be prompted to enter the unique 12-digit fee waiver code and the counselor name and eligibility qualifications.
 - Paper registration:** Once an eligible student completes a paper registration, all benefits will be unlocked and delivered to their College Board account (maximum of 4).
- Students who have previously registered online and tested using a fee waiver card or electronic fee waiver code for SAT Weekend administration:**
 - Students who've already registered online and tested with a fee waiver will automatically have their full set of fee waiver benefits in their account and will not need a second card or code to access future benefits.

How do students view their waiver benefits?

Students with SAT fee waivers can sign in to their College Board account and view their full set of fee waiver benefits and the status of remaining benefits. Students will see their fee waiver benefits in their account if they have:

- Already used an SAT fee waiver for tests during or after October 2014.
- Participated in SAT School Day or PSAT/NMSQT during or after October 2017, were identified in the test ordering system by their school, and already accepted their full set of fee waiver benefits.
- Entered a 12-digit fee waiver code when registering for upcoming tests.

How can counselors use the SAT Roster Report to assist students?

- The SAT Roster Report, available at k12reports.collegeboard.org, can help you identify students who need additional support. Use it to view students who are registered for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests.

- You can also track who used a fee waiver, who was absent on test day, and other useful information to help keep students on the path to college. The **Fee Waiver Used** column flags both first-time and repeat fee waiver students.
- The **SAT Roster Report** column is only for use by authorized school personnel.

Assisting students using fee waiver codes:

- Effective fall 2020, schools will be able to access electronic fee waiver codes through the K–12 Reporting Portal. Paper fee waiver cards will not be mailed to schools.
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Unused fee waiver **cards** don't expire and can be distributed to eligible students once you return to school.
- Students will not be able to register with a duplicate or previously used code and will receive an error message in the registration process. Please note that fee waiver **codes** are unique and can only be used once.
- Students previously tested and identified as eligible during a PSAT/NMSQT, Weekend, or SAT School Day administration would have waiver benefits available in their student account. These students do not need another fee waiver code and will receive an error message if registering with a new code.
- Students who have exhausted their allowable fee waiver benefits would receive an error message.
- Due to the coronavirus, counselors may not have access to the supply of paper fee waiver cards in the school. If there are students who need fee waivers for the upcoming fall administrations, reach out to Customer Service for electronic fee waiver codes.
- For regular updates and new information to students, families, and our K–12 and higher ed members, see: pages.collegeboard.org/sat-covid-19-updates.
- CBOs: CBOs that have a six-digit **College Board** agency code also automatically receive **SAT fee waiver cards** if first-time **fee waiver**–eligible **students** used them during the previous testing year.

Fee Waivers in Action: A Path to College Success			
Junior Year			
<p>Student takes the PSAT/NMSQT.</p> <p><i>Fall</i></p> <p>Action Step</p> <p>Counselor indicates student is eligible for fee waiver benefits in Test Ordering System.</p> <p>Student logs in to accept benefits. If student does not log in to accept benefits, student must obtain code from counselors.</p>	<p>Student uses SAT fee waiver code to register for first SAT.</p> <p><i>Winter</i></p> <p>Action Step</p> <p>Counselor provides fee waiver code to new, first-time eligible students.</p> <p>Student logs in to account and reviews remaining benefits.</p>	<p>Student participates in SAT School Day.</p> <p><i>Spring</i></p> <p>Action Step</p> <p>Counselor indicates student is eligible for fee waiver benefits.</p> <p>Student logs in to accept benefits. If student does not log in to accept benefits, student must obtain code from counselors.</p>	<p>Student uses fee waiver benefits to register for up to 3 SAT Subject Tests.</p> <p><i>Spring</i></p> <p>Action Step</p> <p>Counselor provides fee waiver code to new, first-time eligible students.</p> <p>Student reviews remaining benefits.</p>
Senior Year – Fall			
<p>Student uses second SAT fee waiver benefits to register for another SAT.</p> <p>Student uses fee waiver to register for up to 3 more SAT Subject Tests.</p>	<p>Student uses college application fee waivers to apply to participating schools.</p>	<p>Student uses unlimited free score sends to send test scores to colleges.</p>	<p>Student submits free CSS Profile application for financial aid at participating schools.</p>
Action Step			
<p>Counselor uses the SAT Roster Report to ensure students have utilized their fee waiver benefits. Student logs in to account and reviews remaining benefits.</p>			



Helpful Resources –

- collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/college-application-fee-waiver-counselor-guide.pdf
- collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-fee-waiver-student-brochure.pdf
- Customer Service for Students: 866-756-7346
- Customer Service for Counselors and to request additional **fee waivers** for your school: 888-SAT-HELP.