

# Understanding application fees & fee waivers



## Application fees

An application fee is a payment you make to a college upon submitting your application. Each program in the Common App for transfer can choose their own application fee, and many programs don't charge a fee at all.

There are a few places within the Common App for transfer that list programs' application fee requirements:

### Add programs

There are several basic requirements that are automatically displayed in this section, including application fees.

## Did you know?

You can choose to search for programs that charge no application fee.

## Requirements Grid

The Requirements Grid lists out all the requirements (including application fees) for all colleges that use Common App. You can find this downloadable PDF in our Solutions Center.

## Fee waivers

A fee waiver lets you apply to a college without paying an application fee. The Common App wants to make sure that application fees aren't a barrier for any student trying to submit an application. That's why we have the Common App Fee Waiver.

**458**

colleges have no application fee for domestic students

**15**

colleges have no application fee for international students



The Common App Fee Waiver will waive the application fee of any program you apply to through Common App.

You can find the Common App Fee Waiver in the Personal Information section. To apply for this fee waiver:

1. Answer “Yes” to the fee waiver statement.
2. Select all the indicators in the list that apply to you.
3. Enter your signature to certify your request.

Keep in mind, the Common App Fee Waiver isn’t the only fee waiver available to you. Many colleges also offer their own application fee waiver, specific to their school. Be sure to check with each college to confirm their own fee waiver policies.

Need more information on application fees and fee waivers? Visit [appsupport.commonapp.org](https://appsupport.commonapp.org)

**23,095**

applicants received a fee waiver in 2017–2018

**\$3.2M**

in need-based fee waivers were granted by our member colleges in 2017–2018