Free Resources: ACT Test Fee Waivers

ACT® fee waivers are available to low-income 11th and 12th grade students in **Virginia**

What do Fee Waivers Cover?

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

- **The registration fee for up to two ACTs**, with or without ACT Writing for National Saturday Test days

- **Free access to ACT Online Prep and ACT Kaplan Online Prep Live**

Are You Eligible to Receive Fee Waivers?

 Each student who receives an ACT Fee Waiver must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be currently enrolled in high school in the 11th or 12th grade.

2. Be a United States citizen <u>or</u> testing in the United States, U.S. Territories, or Puerto Rico.

3. Meet **one or more** of the indicators of economic need listed below:

   o Enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program at school, based on US Department of Agriculture (USDA) income levels.

   o Enrolledin a program for the economically disadvantaged (for example, a federally funded program such as GEAR UP or Upward Bound). **Note:** *If the student participates in a program, but is not economically disadvantaged, they are not eligible for a fee waiver.*

   o Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless.

   o Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in a federally subsidized public housing.

   o Family's total annual income is at or below USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches (see table).

Number in Household (including the student)	Total Annual Income Before Taxes (in last calendar year)
1	$22,311
2	$30,044
3	$37,777
4	$45,510
5	$53,243
6	$60,976
Each Additional	plus $7,733 each

How to Register with a Fee Waiver

- Follow the "Student Directions" on the ACT Fee Waiver Form for your registration method.

- Each waiver has a serial number printed in the top-right corner. Instructions for submitting the serial number online or returning the fee waiver form with a paper registration are on the printed form under "How to Apply this Fee Waiver".

- Students registering online must pay any fees not covered by the waiver with a credit card before submitting the registration.

- Each request is valid only if it is properly completed and personally signed by both the student and a school/agency/ official.

Apply to Colleges—For Free

College application fees can really add up, but there's good news! Students who take the ACT fee waiver may also request a Waiver or Deferral of College Admission Applications Fee. This form is available here: www.act.org/the-act/resources

Using College Application Fee Waivers

To have a college application fee waived, students must submit their fee waiver directly to the college they are applying to (NOT to ACT).

Most colleges and universities define eligibility for a college application fee waiver as being eligible for or having received a fee waiver for a test such as the ACT, participating in the National School Lunch Program, or receiving public assistance.

Additional ACT Resources

OpenEd
- As a part of ACT, OpenEd provides students and teachers with resources to improve their skills and scores for the PreACT or ACT! Receive personalized resources based on your score and then watch videos and games to help address knowledge gaps! You'll even find short practices quizzes from past ACT exams. Check it out at www.opened.com

ACT Profile
- ACT Profile helps you get ready for the next steps toward college or career with tools and resources that address three important questions:

  - **What are my options after high schools?** Personalized major and career maps help you explore a world of possibilities.

  - **What am I interested in studying?** Our interest inventory helps you identify which majors might be a good fit.

  - **What schools should I consider?** Search for schools by location, type, majors offered, cost, and more – and then discover educational scholarship, career, and financial aid opportunities by choosing "Be Discovered".

  - Create a **free** account at www.actprofile.org

ACT Online Prep
- At home or on the go, access to this interactive program through your browser or app and track your progress as you work through a library of lessons, practice questions, and a full-length practice test. And it's **FREE** if you register for an ACT national test date with a fee waiver.

ACT Kaplan Online Prep Live
- A virtual classroom test prep experience that delivers engaging live instruction, recorded sessions for on-demand reviewing, and real questions and sample materials from previous ACT tests. And it's **FREE** if you register for an ACT national test date with a fee waiver.

Have Questions?

Contact ACT Customer Service:

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ACT is a mission-driven nonprofit organization. Our insights unlock potential and create solutions for K-12 education, college, and career readiness.

Virginia College Application Week is part of the 1-2-3 Go! initiative designed to help students and families 1) Prepare, 2) Apply, 3) Pay and Go! to college.