



# UNIVERSAL FEE WAIVER INFORMATION

## Did You Know?

In addition to the many college access opportunities available to BCPS students, students who are eligible for a **Universal Fee Waiver** can access additional benefits including...

- Discounted or Free SAT Tests
- Discounted or Free Score Reports for Colleges
- Free College Applications

## How Can Parents/Guardians of BCPS Students Apply for a Universal Fee Waiver?

- Parents/guardians of BCPS Students can apply for a Universal Fee Waiver on the BCPS [FOCUS Parent Portal](#).
- Detailed directions for applying for a Universal Fee Waiver for BCPS students can be found in the guide for [How to Submit a Universal Fee Waiver and Benefits Form](#).
- These links and other online resources can be found on the Baltimore County Public Schools [Office of College and Career Readiness webpage](#) by clicking the [Universal Fee Waiver](#) link.
- Questions about applying for a Universal Fee Waiver should be directed to the student's school counselor.

## Who is Eligible for a Universal Fee Waiver?

BCPS Students may be eligible for a Universal Fee Waiver if...

- Their family meets the Income Eligibility Requirements set by the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. See the chart on page 2 of the [SAT Fee Waiver Student Guide](#), online.
- They are eligible for free school meals without an application because their household participates in one of these programs:
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
  - Medicaid benefits
  - Enrolled in a federally funded Head Start Program
  - or because the student is homeless, migrant, runaway, or in foster care.
- Their family receives public assistance.
- They live in federally subsidized public housing, are in a foster home, or homeless.
- They are a ward of the state or an orphan.
- The student participates in program that aids low-income families (such as [AVID](#) or [Upward Bound](#))