

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FEE WAIVER FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED APPLICANTS

The following guidelines apply to domestic applicants applying for graduate study. Eligibility for an application fee waiver will be considered upon receipt of documentation of one of the following criteria:

A. Copy of a letter on institution's letterhead from a secondary or postsecondary school official requesting the application fee be waived based on one or more of the following:

1. You/your family is in a low income category.
2. You/your family is on public assistance.
3. You are an orphan dependent on the state.
4. You are an adult dependent on the state.
5. You/your family have suffered an immediate financial calamity (recent loss of employment of a supporting family member, significant casualty loss, etc.)

B. Other sources of documentation that can be used in lieu of the above to support a request for waiver of the application fee include the following:

1. A copy of your approved GRE fee waiver (for tests taken within 12 months of the application date.)
2. A copy of a letter on official letterhead from agency officials who verify you or your family has qualified for public assistance based on low income criteria for the current 12 month period.
3. A copy of 2015-2016 financial aid award letter from another/previous institution or a copy of your Federal Student Aid Report which verifies that you qualified for financial aid within the current 12 month period based on a family contribution of:
 - not more than \$1500 if the student is a dependent student
 - not more than \$1900 if the student is an independent student

NOTE: Family contribution = contribution of yourself and your parent or spouse.

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The Graduate School considers diversity to be a broadly defined concept. Features of an applicant who could satisfy this criterion and be granted an application fee waiver include, but are not limited to, ethnic background, social or economic disadvantage, nominee status as a McNair Scholar, disability, or other characteristics or attributes that may contribute to the diversity of the Graduate School at Ohio State.

To request a fee waiver, please email your request to hambach.2@osu.edu, indicating "Fee Waiver Request" on the subject line. Within several business days of our receipt of your request and required documentation, you will receive an email response as to the outcome of your request and will be able to proceed with submitting the application.

OTHER POSSIBLE FEE WAIVERS:

1. Applicant was an [OSU SROP](#) participant.
2. Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) FreeApp (<http://www.cic.net/students/freeapp/introduction>).