

Everyone has the potential to learn. A student's family income should not determine his or her educational or career opportunities. During the 2021–2022 school year, ACT will again offer the ACT® test fee waiver program to eligible students.

ACT encourages schools/agencies to emphasize to students the **importance of sitting for the test, since funds are limited**. When students do not follow through to test, they not only miss a valuable opportunity, but could prevent other students from testing.

## Eligibility Requirements

Each student who receives an *ACT Fee Waiver* must meet **ALL** eligibility requirements:

1. Be currently enrolled in high school in the 11th or 12th grade.
2. Be testing in the United States, US territories, or Puerto Rico.
3. Meet one or more of the indicators of economic need listed below:
  - Enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program at school, based on US Department of Agriculture (USDA) income levels (see table).
  - Enrolled in 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.*
  - Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless.
  - Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized public housing.
  - Family's total annual income is at or below USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website.

### USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Visit the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website ( [www.fns.usda.gov](#) ) to access the