

UCAS – 2025 Entry Free School Meal Application Fee Waiver

For the 2025 cycle, students who are currently enrolled at school or college, and have been in receipt of **government funded free school meals** at some point during the last 6 years, up until the end of their final year, will be eligible to have the UCAS application fee (£28.50) waived.



Student actions

The following slides outline the actions a student will need to take when completing their UCAS application in order to apply for the UCAS Free School Meals (FSM) application fee waiver.



Eligible students who want to apply with the FSM application fee waiver must share that they are, or have been, in receipt of free school meals in the '**More about you**' section.

Profile

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Personal details	Nationality details	Where you live	
Name, age, title and gender	Birthplace and nationalities	Tell us about your address history	
 Section complete 	 Section complete 	 Section complete 	
Contact details	Supporting information	Finance & funding	
Address, email and telephone	So that providers know how to support you during your studies	Tell us how you'll fund your study	
 Section complete 	Start this section	Start this section	
Diversity & inclusion	More about you		
Additional equality information	Tell us about any circumstances that you might need support for during your studies.	Go to t section	
Start this section	Start this section		

Go to the **'More about you'** section of the application.

You will see a range of questions all intended to connect you to the right support for your needs.

You might feel uncertain about sharing personal circumstances, please feel reassured this information is confidential and will never negatively impact your application.

You will only see these questions if you have a UK home address.

Would you consider yourself estranged from your parents (i.e. you're not in contact with and supported by your parentsi? ○ Yes ○ No Do you have any caring responsibilities? ○ Yes ○ No Are you a parent or do you have parenting responsibilities? ○ Yes ○ No Do you have official refugee status or limited leave to remain, or are you seeking asylum? O The UK government has granted me refugee status or humanitarian protection in the UK No I have limited or discretionary leave to remain in the UK () I'm currently seeking asylum in the UK Do you have a parent or carer who currently serves in the UK Armed Forces, or who has done so in the past? ○ Yes ○ No Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces? ○ Yes ○ No Are you currently receiving free school meals, or have you been in receipt of free school meals during your

◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know

secondary education?

You need to answer, '**Yes'** to this question in 'More about you' to identify you are eligible for the free school meals application fee waiver.

<u>Click here to check if you're eligible</u> to have your application fee waived.

Your College will need to agree to your eligibility when reviewing your application, at a later stage, and may require you to provide evidence for this. Are you currently receiving free school meals, or were you in receipt of free school meals between the ages of 11 to 18?

🔘 Yes 🔿 No 🔿 Don't know

Mark this section as complete *

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Save this section

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Review and submit

All applicants will go through the application review process before being able to submit the application to their College for processing.



2025 Undergraduate application

Your Personal ID number 1270051406

Your profile must be complete and showing 'Ready to Send' before you can review and submit.



When you review your application, you'll see all of it onscreen, but you can download it as a pdf (in the top right) to help you check it.

At the bottom of the application, click **Accept and proceed** (or return to application if you want to make changes).





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Check your application

This is an overview of your application. Please check to make sure the information is correct.

Personal details	Personal details		Edit
Contact and residency			
details	Title	Mr	
Nationality details	First and middle name(s)	Emma	
	Last name	Cole	
Supporting information	Previous name(s)	Not provided	
Finance and funding	Preferred name	Not provided	
	Date of birth	17/04/2007	

Accept and proceed

Return to application

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Your Personal ID number 1270051406

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You must tick the box at the bottom of the page to confirm you have read and understood the terms and conditions.

Then click Accept and proceed, or you can return to application if you need to.

Terms and **conditions** These are the terms and conditions (the "Terms") on which we supply the "Apply" service (the "Service") to you. Help text This section summarises important points. It's important you still Unordered list read and understand the full conditions. Harum asperiores tenetur odio guaerat eague veniam fugit soluta et fuga saepe temporibus aut delectust 1 Ordered list 2 Illiam placeat pumpuam perferendis delepiti ut eveniet tempore pibil aliquid ut dolore non vero molestias It is important that you read these Terms carefully so that you are happy you understand their content We will ask you to confirm your agreement by ticking a box when you submit your application (your "Application"). By ticking this box, we will consider that you accept these Terms, our website terms and conditions and our privacy policy. We are unable to process your Application until you do so. EXPAND ALL COLLAPSE ALL About UCAS What we do and how to contact us. < Contact us How to get in touch with UCAS. 1.1 We are the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, a company incorporated in England and Wales with company number 02839815, whose registered office is at Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 3LZ ("UCAS", "we", "us"). 1.2 You can contact us by telephoning our customer service team on 0371 334 4 447, emailing us at webenquiries@ucas.ac.uk or by writing to us at the above address.

1.3 Our role is to provide application services for people applying for undergraduate and postgraduate courses, as well as making choices after their GCSEs.

Before submitting your application, it is important you read and understand these terms.

If you have any questions about the terms, please contact us.

I have read and understood the terms of use, and wish to submit my application.

Accept and proceed



Pay and submit

Pay and submit

Which payment option should I choose?

You cannot amend this choice later so please select the right option for you.

Free school meals waiver

UCAS is waiving the application fee for students who are in receipt of UK government funded free school meals, or have been at some point over the past six years and can evidence this, if required.

Check if you are eligible

Apply with Waiver

Paying for your application

Paying your centre

Select this option if you have already agreed with your school or college that you will pay the application fee to them or if your school or college is paying the fee on your behalf.



Paying by card

Select this option if you are paying the application fee for your application yourself. The cost of your application will be £28.50. We accept each of the following credit or debit cards.

VISA 🌒 🌓 📑 Amount due £28.50

The next screen you see may be a payment card verification form supplied through your card issuer which is in place to give you added protection when paying online.



If you are eligible for the free school meals waiver you need to choose 'Apply with Waiver', when you 'Pay and submit' - you will not need to enter any payment card details.

 Your College will need to agree to your eligibility when reviewing your application, at a later stage, before the waiver is applied. They may require you to evidence this.

PLEASE DO NOT SELECT THIS OPTION – 'Pay Centre' is <u>not</u> a valid payment option with your College

If you are not eligible for the waiver, please pay for the application yourself, select 'Pay by card' and enter your card details. **Remember**, if you think you are eligible for the FSM application fee waiver, check with your College <u>BEFORE</u> entering any card details Once you pay by card (*even if you are eligible*) this cannot be reversed. A fee waiver cannot be applied retrospectively.