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if you didn't have to pay the application fee?**

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) offers fee waivers for students applying to graduate programs at CIC institutions. By using the CIC FreeApp form, CIC Universities may waive your graduate application fee (an average of \$75 per application).

The CIC FreeApp program is designed to increase access to graduate education for students who possess qualities and experiences that enhance the diversity of the intellectual, cultural and social environments at CIC universities.

Applicants must meet the CIC and local campus eligibility requirements to be awarded a FreeApp award.



Visit the FreeApp
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Graduate Application Fee Waiver Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the FreeApp Fee Waiver Program?

The CIC FreeApp program is designed to increase access to graduate education for students who bring qualities and experience that will enhance the diversity of the graduate students at CIC institutions. Through this program, you can request a fee waiver for your application to Ph.D. or Master of Fine Arts programs at CIC institutions.

Who is eligible to apply for a FreeApp waiver?

- Complete a bachelor's degree by the August preceding enrollment in the graduate program
- Apply for admission to a Ph.D. program or Master of Fine Arts program
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale)
- Intend to pursue an academic and/or research career

If I meet the eligibility criteria, will I automatically receive a fee waiver?

No, each institution grants FreeApp waivers according to local criteria and on a case by case basis.

Is there a deadline?

We process FreeApp requests throughout the year, but priority will be given to students that submit a request before November 15. The University of Minnesota deadline is December 15.

How do I request a FreeApp waiver?

- ✓ Complete the online request form. The form can be accessed from the CIC FreeApp program website.
- ✓ You are responsible for obtaining graduate applications directly from the institutions where you plan to apply. Consult the list of participating universities on the FreeApp website.

Visit the [FreeApp website](http://www.cic.net/FreeApp) to complete the waiver request form:

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