

Application Fee Waiver Policy

A non-refundable \$75 fee is required when submitting your application to the UPenn MSGC program.

Applicants with the affiliations listed below are exempt from the non-refundable application fee.

1. McNair Scholars
2. Fulbright Scholars
3. University of Pennsylvania employees
4. Veterans
5. Applicants who have received or are eligible for a fee waiver from the GCEA (formerly the AGCPD) for the NMS Match. (For information about applying for the NMS fee waiver, see page two of this document or go to <https://natmatch.com/gcadmissions/applicants/register.html#wave>)

Please email msgcinquiries@pennmedicine.upenn.edu with “Fee Waiver Request” in the subject line and attach documentation of your eligibility **before** paying the \$75 application fee. The UPenn MSGC program is unable to refund any fees paid.

If you are eligible for the NMS fee waiver, but did not receive it, you can submit the same documentation to us with your fee waiver request.

Fee waiver requests must be received
no later than December 1.

The GCEA's NMS Match Fee Waiver

Application Information

The Genetic Counseling Education Association (GCEA) has established a waiver program for the \$100 fee associated with the NMS Match. Prospective students who demonstrate financial need AND have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater can apply for a match fee waiver. Prospective students should apply for a fee waiver BEFORE registering for an NMS number. **Match fee waivers cannot be awarded to applicants who have already registered for the Match and paid the registration fee.**

Applications for the match fee waiver are due by October 4, 2024. Applicants will be notified by October 30, 2024, as to whether they have received a waiver. There are a limited number of waivers, so not all applicants will receive a waiver. Instructions for how to register for the NMS match will be provided to those who receive a waiver.

Waivers are not transferable to future match cycles or to another prospective student.

Prospective students who are applying for a match fee waiver will be required to write a short essay and to upload at least one of the following documents demonstrating financial need:

1. A copy of a letter verifying unemployment benefits received within the past two years.
2. A copy of a letter on official letterhead from a government agency verifying that you or your family have qualified for public assistance based on low-income criteria anytime within the past 5 years
3. A copy of your financial aid award letter from another / previous institution dated within 5 the past years
4. A copy of your approved GRE fee waiver (for tests taken within 5 years of the application deadline)
5. A copy of your federal Student Aid Report (SAR) that verifies you qualified for financial aid within the past 5 years based on a family contribution of:
 - o Not more than \$1,500 if the student is a dependent student
 - o Not more than \$1,900 if the student is an independent student

To apply, click here: <https://natmatch.com/gcadmissions/applicants/register.html>

Please direct any questions about the Match Fee Waiver process or requirements to gcmatchwaivers@gcea.onmicrosoft.com