

Application Fee Waiver Policy

A non-refundable \$75 fee is required when submitting your application.

To apply for a fee waiver, applicants must

A. Have one or more of the following affiliations:

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 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#wavier>)

B. **Submit the fee waiver request no later than December 1, 2023.**

C. Email the request to msgcinquiries@penmedicine.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.

NMS Match Fee Waiver Application Information

The Association of Genetic Counseling Program Directors (AGCPD) has established a waiver 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. [Click here to be linked to the Match Fee Waiver Application.](#)

Check the NMS website for application deadlines and notification dates. 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 non-transferable to future Match cycles and cannot be transferred by the recipient to another prospective student. Prospective students who are granted fee waivers must register for the Match by January 1, 2024.

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 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
2. A copy of your financial aid award letter from another / previous institution dated within 5 the past years
3. A copy of your approved GRE fee waiver (for tests taken within 5 years of the application deadline)
4. 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:
 - Not more than \$1,500 if the student is a dependent student
 - Not more than \$1,900 if the student is an independent student
5. Verification of receipt of unemployment benefits within the last 2 years