

About the Fee Assistance Program (FAP) The AAMC believes that the cost of applying to medical school should not be a financial barrier to individuals who are interested in becoming physicians.

FAP eligibility decisions are tied directly to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty level guidelines. For the 2010 calendar year, applicants whose total family income is 300 percent or less of the poverty level for their family size will be approved for fee assistance.

The 2009 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in family	Poverty guideline	Three times HHS Poverty Guidelines
1	\$10,830	\$32,490
2	\$14,570	\$43,710
3	\$18,310	\$54,930
4	\$22,050	\$66,150
5	\$25,790	\$77,370
6	\$29,530	\$88,590
7	\$33,270	\$99,810
8	\$37,010	\$111,030
For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,740 for each additional person.		

SOURCE: *Federal Register*, Vol. 74, No. 14, January 23, 2009, pp. 4199-4201

Applicants who are approved for fee assistance in 2010 receive the following benefits from the AAMC:

- Reduction of the MCAT registration fee from \$230 to \$85 for any registration submitted subsequent to the date of approval during the 2010 calendar year. A FAP approval is also good for one free copy of The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam. This is a \$30 value provided free to FAP recipients who have used the fee assistance to register for the MCAT exam.
- Waiver of the application fees for submitting the completed AMCAS application to up to 14 medical schools. Applicants pay an additional fee for each school beyond the 14 free applications.

In addition, most AMCAS-participating medical schools waive their supplemental application fees for applicants who have been granted fee assistance by the AAMC.

Policies

The FAP does not draw a distinction between dependent and independent student status, and, therefore, all applicants must provide parental financial data for the FAP.