

### **GCEA Match Fee Waiver Information – 2026 Recruitment Cycle**

The Genetic Counselor Educators Association (GCEA) 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. **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 3, 2025**. Applicants will be notified by October 31, 2025 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 non-transferable to future match cycles or other prospective students. 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:
  - Not more than \$1,500 if the student is a dependent student
  - 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](mailto:gcmatchwaivers@gcea.onmicrosoft.com)