



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Glacier National Park  
West Glacier, Montana 59936



## **Academic Fee Waiver/Entrance Fee Waiver Application Guidelines**

Academic Fee Waivers (formally Educational Fee Waivers) and Entrance Fee Waivers are not granted automatically. Applicant groups must submit an application and meet specific criteria for approval of their request.

### **Academic Fee Waiver Qualification Standards:**

The National Park Service has established the following criteria as requirements for approval of an Academic Fee Waiver request:

1. **Eligibility:** National or international applicants must prove they are a school or *bona fide* academic institution by submitting one of the following types of documentation:
  - A statement confirming educational or scientific tax exemption from the IRS or the applicant's national, state, or local tax authority; or
  - A statement, from a *bona fide* academic institution meeting one of these eligibility standards, confirming that the group is visiting for the purpose of providing transferable academic credit based on a curriculum; or
  - A statement of accreditation or recognition as an educational institution from a legitimate international, national, regional, state, or local authority for the applicant's location.
  
2. **Educational Purpose of the Visit**
  - Applicants must provide a written statement (documentation) verifying that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. Documentation such as the course syllabus or a copy of the school's course catalog or handbook will satisfy this requirement.
  
3. **Relevance of Park Resources or Facilities**
  - To simply state the trip objectives are for "educational purposes" is insufficient. There must be a direct relationship between the purpose of the visit and the use of the park. Applicants must provide a written statement identifying the park resources and/or facilities that will be used to support the educational purpose of the visit, and how they are relevant to that purpose. A course outline, lesson plan, or copy of the course curriculum meets this requirement.



## **Entrance Fee Waiver Qualification Standards:**

The National Park Service has established the following criteria as requirements for approval of an Entrance Fee Waiver request:

### **Eligibility:**

- **Groups of children under 16 years of age with a reasonable number of chaperones, drivers, and teachers will be admitted free.**
- **Hospital in-patients involved in medical treatment or therapy will be admitted free.**

### **Submission of Applications:**

- **All applications for fee waivers must be received by the Fee Management, Special Park Uses Office at least three weeks in advance of the anticipated visit.**
- **Applicants that are incomplete (no documents provided) or do not meet required criteria may be denied.**

Please email or fax applications and all required documentation to:

Email: [brian\\_mckeeon@nps.gov](mailto:brian_mckeeon@nps.gov)

Fax: 406-888-7860

### **Additional Information:**

- Entrance station personnel are not authorized to grant fee waivers at time of arrival. Documented non-profit groups without an approved fee waiver will be charged as non-commercial groups rate based upon the National Park Service Non-Commercial Group Fee Schedule.
- Service, civic, and fraternal organizations e.g. Scouting, Rotary, Elks, etc. do NOT qualify for an Academic/Entrance Fee Waiver, unless they meet the qualification standards listed above.
- Pursuant to the FLREA, academic fee waivers are granted only for entrance fees and do not apply to Expanded Amenity or camping fees. Group camping reservations may be made for St. Mary and Apgar Campgrounds at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), all other campgrounds that provide group camping operate on a first come first served basis.
- Vehicles, and vehicle combinations, longer than 21 feet (including bumpers) or wider than 8 feet (including mirrors), are prohibited between Avalanche Campground on the west side of the park and the Sun Point parking area on the east side. Vehicles over 10 feet in height may have difficulty driving west from Logan Pass, due to rock over-hangs.



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Fax: 406-888-7860

Name of Institution	FAX Number
Group Leader Name	Phone Number
Class/Course Title	Arrival Date
Street or PO BOX	Departure Date
City/State/Zip	Number of Students
Email Address	Number of Faculty/Chaperones

**I have read the Glacier National Park Academic Fee Waiver Application Guidelines and certify that information provided in this application, and required documentation, meets all criteria established for Academic Fee Waivers as set forth within the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, Public Law 108-447 and National Park Service Fee Program Policy.**

**I understand that upon approval an Academic Fee Waiver will be issued and is required to be in the possession of each vehicle when arriving at Glacier National Park. Entrance station personnel are not authorized to grant fee waivers at time of arrival. Non-profit groups without an approved fee waiver will be charged as non-commercial groups rate based upon the National Park Service Non-Commercial Group Fee Schedule. Fee waivers do not include expanded amenity or camping fees.**

Signature of Official Group Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized NPS Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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