Application Fee Waivers for Fall 2016 Admissions

The College of LSA is facilitating students from diverse backgrounds who are interested in applying to the MAE program by offering application fee waiver – a $75 savings to domestic applicants. The eligibility criteria used for determining a Rackham Merit Fellowship (RMF) will be used to determine an application fee waiver. Please review these detailed guidelines for assessing RMF eligibility:


In general, the eligibility criteria are as follows:

The application fee waiver is open to newly admitted students in a Rackham graduate program who:

1. have a record of superior academic achievement;
2. are U.S. citizens or permanent residents;

And meet one or more of the following additional criteria:

3. Come from an educational, cultural or geographic background that is underrepresented in graduate study in your discipline in the United States or at the University of Michigan;
4. Have demonstrated a commitment to diversity in the academic, professional, or civic realm through their work experience, volunteer engagement, or leadership of student or community organizations. By diversity, we mean efforts to reduce social, educational or economic disparities based on race, ethnicity or gender, or to improve race relations in the U.S.;
5. Have experienced financial hardship as a result of family economic circumstances;
6. Are first generation U.S. citizens or first generation in their families to graduate from a four-year college.

To request a waiver please send us the following details of the applicant in an email to econ-maeprogram@umich.edu:

1. Name
2. Email address
3. US Citizen(Yes/No):
4. Undergraduate Institution
5. Please explain why you should receive an application fee waiver.
6. Any additional information you wish to share.
7. A scanned copy of the undergraduate transcript

Please note there is a limited number of admission fee waivers, hence the decision of the MAE Program director and LSA Dean’s office will be final. Only one fee waiver is allowed per applicant. Additional applications, for example to a professional program, will require a fee. This fee waiver is not transferable to another applicant; only you may use it.