



Academic Fee Waiver *Requirements and Application Instructions*

National Park Service regulations allow school groups and other approved national and international academic institutions to obtain a waiver of park entrance fees, provided the visit is for educational or scientific purposes, and the resources or facilities that the group intends to use support those purposes.

Academic fee waivers are not granted automatically. Applicant groups must demonstrate that they qualify for the waiver. There are **three criteria** that the group must meet to qualify for an academic fee waiver: eligibility, academic purpose, and relevancy of park resources or facilities.

1) **Criteria One: Eligibility**

Applicants must prove they are an officially recognized academic or scientific institution by presenting 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 an academic institution that meets 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 confirming accreditation or recognition as an educational institution from a qualified national, regional, state, or local authority.*

AND

2) **Criteria Two: Academic Purpose**

Applicants must provide a written statement confirming that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. *Documentation such as the course syllabus, a copy of the school's course catalog or handbook, or description of relevant state or national educational standards meets this requirement.*

AND

3) **Criteria Three: Relevance of Park Resources**

Applicants must provide a written statement identifying the direct relationship between the academic purpose of the visit and the specific resources and activities planned in Dinosaur National Monument. To simply state the visit "supports academic purposes" is insufficient. *Documentation such as the trip schedule, course outline, or lesson plan that links the academic purpose to specific locations within the park meets this requirement.*

Application Procedures

To apply for an academic fee waiver, submit written documentation for all three criteria along with the completed and signed Academic Fee Waiver Request Form. Applications that are incomplete may be denied. Submit your application package at least two weeks prior to your visit by mail, email or FAX to:

Dinosaur National Monument
Attn: Fee Management Office
PO Box 128
Jensen, UT 84035

Phone: (435) 781-7759
Email: DINO_FEES@nps.gov
FAX: (435) 781-1178

If the application is approved, a copy of the fee waiver request form with an approval signature will be emailed or faxed to you. **Each vehicle must present a copy of the approved fee waiver at the park entrance station or visitor center. Fees will not be waived for vehicles that do not have a copy of the approved fee waiver.**

Entrance station and visitor center personnel are not authorized to approve fee waivers on site – please plan ahead!

Additional Information

Organizations that are generally considered service, civic, or fraternal (e.g., scouts, faith-based organizations, clubs, day care, etc.) do NOT qualify for the academic fee waiver unless they can meet all three criteria.

Academic fee waivers only cover entrance fees, they do not include camping fees.

If your organization's visit does not meet the criteria for an academic fee waiver, and you are not part of a commercial tour, you will enter as a noncommercial group. The following, as outlined in National Park Service Recreation Fee Program, is then in effect:

- Vehicles with a capacity of 15 or fewer passengers will be charged the \$25.00 per vehicle entrance fee.
- Vehicles with 16-25 passengers will be charged \$15.00 per person for individuals 16 years of age and older, not to exceed \$60.00 total. Vehicles with 26 or more passengers will be charged \$15.00 per person for individuals 16 years of age and older, not to exceed \$150.00 total. Individuals 15 years of age and younger are free.
- Federal Recreation Passes will be honored, per vehicle or per individual, as described on the back of each pass. The pass holder must present photo identification at time of entry.

If you wish to request a ranger guided activity as part of your visit, please contact the Interpretation Division Supervisor at (435) 781-7701 to inquire about availability.

Dinosaur National Monument

Academic Fee Waiver Request Form



Name of Institution _____

Mailing Address _____
Street or PO Box City State Zip

Instructor / Leader _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Number of Students _____ Grade(s) _____ Number of Faculty/Chaperones _____

Total Vehicles: Coach/Bus _____ Mini Bus _____ Van _____ Auto _____

Class/Course Title _____

Specific Location(s) to be visited _____

Applicants must provide documentation to meet all three of the criteria listed below:

- 1) **Criteria One: Eligibility** – The group has current official recognition as an Educational Institution by a Federal, State, or local government entity, or other documentation attesting to educational status, such as accreditation letter or an educational tax exempt letter. It is insufficient to merely state or imply that you have this recognition. *Your request cannot be processed without submission of this documentation.*

AND

- 2) **Criteria Two: Academic Purpose** - The visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. *Documentation such as the course syllabus, a copy of the school's course catalog or handbook, or description of relevant state or national educational standards meets this requirement.*

AND

- 3) **Criteria Two: Relevance of Park Resources** - There is a direct relationship between the academic purpose of the visit and the specific resources and activities planned in Dinosaur National Monument. To simply state the visit “supports academic purposes” is insufficient. *Documentation such as the trip schedule, course outline, or lesson plan that links the academic purpose to specific locations within the park meets this requirement.*

I understand the Code of Federal Regulations allows for fee waivers only for bona fide educational and/or scientific institutions that are using the park for educational purposes. I hereby certify that the above detailed trip meets these requirements and therefore request that fees be waived. Current official documentation of recognition as an educational or scientific institution is attached.

Applicant Signature Title Date

National Park Service Approval: (Note: This is only valid with an NPS signature)

NPS Signature Title Date

This approved fee waiver must be in your possession when arriving at Dinosaur National Monument. Each vehicle needs to have a copy of the approved waiver or the standard entrance fee will be charged. Refunds will not be granted.

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