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CSS Profile

cssprofile.org

The CSS Profile is an online financial aid form required by roughly 240 colleges and scholarship programs nationwide. The CSS Profile form does not take the place of the FAFSA. This form allows colleges to gather more information for awarding their own grants and scholarships. The College Board provides resources to help you complete your CSS Profile.

How to Begin

Go to cssprofile.org

Under "Application Steps" then "Getting Started," you will find:
- CSS Profile for Students (guide)
- Frequently Asked Questions

Find answers to special topics including:
- Divorced or Separated Parents
- Fee Waivers
- International Applicants

Logging In

The CSS Profile application is submitted by the student. Students will need to use their username and password to log in. **You may already have College Board credentials if you created an account for the SAT. If you do, use the same username and password to log in. If not, create a new account.**

Forms

You may need the following information from the student and parents/guardians to complete the CSS Profile:

- Most recently completed **tax returns**
  If applying for the 2024-2025 school year, you will need both the 2022 and 2021 forms
- **W-2 or 1099 forms**
- **Total(s) of untaxed income and benefits** for the current and previous tax years
  Examples: Child support for all children in the home, alimony, contributions to tax-deferred retirement accounts, etc.
- **Current balance of savings, checking, stocks, bonds, trusts, UTMA, UGMA, etc.** for both parent(s) and student
- **Current balance of 529 College Savings account(s)** for *all* children in the home
- **Current balance of all retirement savings accounts**
  Examples: 401K, 403B, IRA, Roth, SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, etc.
- **Primary residence information** including year purchased, purchase price, current value, amount you still owe, monthly mortgage payment (not including property tax), etc. *If you rent a home, the amount of your monthly rent*

Cost of Applying

The fee is $25 for the first college and $16 for each additional college. A fee waiver is available for qualifying students.

Participating Schools

For a list of participating schools, visit **cssprofile.org**

Need help?

For contact information, go to **about.collegeboard.org/contact-us**