CSS Profile®
Supporting equity with better data.

A common application for institutional aid

Automatic fee waivers for over 40% of applicants

Data-driven methodology to assist students who need it most

Nearly 350 colleges, universities, and programs, and scholarship organizations rely on CSS Profile to help make college a reality for students. CSS Profile helps colleges and schools deliver limited institutional funds where they are needed most.

> The use of the CSS Profile and Institutional Methodology allows my institution to best distribute our financial resources in an equitable manner. Knowing that IM is formed by an economically sound, relevant, and equitable needs analysis system provides assurance that we are awarding our institutional aid dollars in a fair and reasonable way.
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> *Sandy Sundstrom*
> *Director of*
> *Financial Aid*
> *Reed College*

What is CSS Profile?

Grounded in College Board's mission to reduce barriers to higher education, the CSS Profile application streamlines the aid process for students and families while providing institutions the data needed to make equitable, informed financial aid decisions.

Why CSS Profile?

CSS Profile was built and is maintained by experienced financial aid professionals. We understand the work you do, and we share your commitment to equity, accuracy, and excellence.

ACCURATE, COMPREHENSIVE DATA
The CSS Profile application experience is designed to promote accuracy and ease of completion. Each personalized CSS Profile application offers detailed help so that families can meet institutional deadlines with the correct and complete data the first time. If they have questions, they can get expert customer service via chat, phone, or email.

INSTITUTIONAL METHODOLOGY
As the need analysis system for CSS Profile, Institutional Methodology (IM) is highly regarded for its comprehensive, equitable, and economically sound evaluation of a family's ability to pay for higher education. And for international students, IM uses a country coefficient to produce outcomes that reflect the family's financial strength in the context of their country's economy. With IM as the need analysis system, you can be sure your financial aid awards are fair, valid, and defensible.

BUILT-IN FLEXIBILITY
Your institution is unique, in its applicant population and need analysis philosophy, so we built options into CSS Profile. For example, you can choose to require CSS Profile from both custodial and noncustodial households. You can require parental data from independent students regardless of their age or marital status. This flexibility ensures your institution can make the most out of your available financial aid.

A Focus on the Student

BEYOND NUMBERS
CSS Profile lets families present their unique financial and family situations, providing context that numbers alone cannot and reducing potential aid appeals. This deep understanding of a family's financial picture helps you work with them to determine the best options for financing their child's college education.

ONE APPLICATION, A SHARED MISSION
Students complete a single online application to send to multiple schools, reducing the number of forms they complete in the overall college application process. An online dashboard displays information regarding the application process, deadlines, and messages from their institutions, all in an easy-to-access location.

FREE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
CSS Profile is free to domestic undergraduate students whose family adjusted gross income is up to $100,000. Students do not need to request a fee waiver; all application fees are automatically waived for qualifying students. Over 40% of applicants submit the CSS Profile for free.

The CSS Profile provides an opportunity for students and parents to provide a more complete picture of their financial situation and to alert us to any special circumstances. Our reviewers appreciate the additional details and the information from the non-custodial parent.

Scott Miller
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Learn more at **collegeboard.org/cssprofile**

Holistic Financial Aid Solutions

We're here to help streamline your processes from start to finish. From paperless documentation submission to full service aid management, College Board's financial aid solutions are designed to help you spend more time where it matters most - with students.

Institutional Documentation Services (IDOC)
As a stand alone or as an additional service available with CSS Profile, IDOC collects documents from your applicants, scans them with optical character recognition (OCR), and displays imaged documents for you on the web. IDOC works seamlessly with CSS Profile so you spend less time on paper.

PowerFAIDS™ Cloud
Our leading financial aid management system, PowerFAIDS, is taking 25 years of experience to the cloud. By adding technological advances to a tool already top-rated in efficiency, compliance, and service, your office can streamline processes and efficiently delegate staff resources.

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