

CSS / Financial Aid PROFILE®



Use PROFILE to Apply for Financial Aid.

Welcome to PROFILE. By filling out one form, you can apply online for nonfederal financial aid from almost 300 colleges and scholarship programs.

Apply for Financial Aid

Complete your PROFILE application to apply for financial aid.

This [interactive presentation](#) will give you useful tips and help you prepare to apply for financial aid using CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®.

The minimum browser requirements to view the presentation are Internet Explorer 9+, Chrome 21+, Safari 5.1+, Firefox 14+, iPad 5+, and Android tablet 4.1+.

**Fall 2016 or
Spring 2017**

[Sign In](#) —

**Fall 2015 or
Spring 2016**

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What you need to know before you apply for financial aid

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- Download and review [our instructions](#) (.pdf/52KB) for completing PROFILE Online. *Requires [Adobe Reader](#)(latest version recommended).*
- Have all tax forms and documents ready.
- Use a secure browser and a valid credit card.
- If you are a returning student, sign up with the same username you used to submit your PROFILE application last year (2015-16) and we'll automatically fill in some of your information.
- First year, first-time students who took the SAT should log into PROFILE using the same credentials used for the SAT.
- PROFILE fee waivers are available to first year, first-time domestic students from low income backgrounds. Students who used an SAT fee waiver may also qualify for up to 8 PROFILE fee waivers.

INTERNATIONAL USERS AND TRANSFERS OF INFORMATION

The College Board System operates on a software as a service platform that is located in the United States. Therefore, your information will be transferred from your location to the United States. When you furnish information to the College Board through this system, you are consenting to a cross-border transfer of that information. If you choose not to provide your information please notify the institution(s) requesting your data.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FINANCIAL AID FRAUD

You should never pay a fee to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or to have someone fill out the FAFSA for you. The College Board collects a fee to process the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® (PROFILE). You should only submit a PROFILE if your college or scholarship program instructs you to do so. The College Board provides free assistance should you have questions about the process, the application, or the questions found on the application. You should never pay a fee to receive this assistance. Occasionally, dishonest companies or individuals will advertise services that they claim will let you know about your financial aid eligibility or promise large scholarships, grants, or other financial aid packages if you pay them a very high fee.

If you have questions about eligibility for financial aid, contact the colleges you have applied to, or get free information on the FAFSA and the PROFILE by visiting www.BigFuture.org.

For more information on financial aid scams, or if you feel you are a victim of a scam, visit the [Federal Trade Commission's website](#).

Useful Resources

[Interactive Presentation: CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE Overview](#)

[CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE Tutorial](#)

[2016-17 PROFILE Student Guide >>](#)

[Participating Colleges, Universities and Scholarship Programs >>](#)

[Free On-Demand Webinar: Financial Aid — Tips and Info for High School Seniors](#)

[BigFuture™](#)

[YouCanGo™](#)

We're Here to Help

For more information about PROFILE, [contact us](#).