

One application. Hundreds of institutions.

Each year CSS Profile unlocks over 10 billion dollars in institutional, nonfederal financial aid.



What is CSS Profile?

CSS Profile is the leading nonfederal aid common application used by hundreds of institutions and scholarship programs.

Benefits for Students

- With a single application, students and families reduce the number of times they provide the same information for financial aid to each institution.
- Families can provide a more complete picture of their financial circumstances than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may provide.
- Over 40% of all students qualify to submit the CSS Profile for free. Information regarding fee waivers is available on our website.

About Your Data

The CSS Profile is only shared with institutions you select in the application process. Students may identify additional institutions after completing the application. Some institutions may require noncustodial parents to complete the CSS Profile - this information is completed separately and transmitted confidentially to the selected institutions.

Application Steps



Visit cssprofile.org.



Check participating institutions via the link on the home page.



Learn more about how to apply, including what documents you may need, through our tutorials.



Log in or create an account by clicking Sign In on the site.



Submit your application. Confirm deadlines with your institutions and submit by the correct date.

Higher education is within reach.

A mobile-friendly, screen reader accessible application with smart & skip logic to ensure you're only answering the questions relevant to you.



Fast facts to completing

Opens each year on October 1

Participating institutions available online

Instrucciones de la aplicación disponibles en español

Get Started



Fee Waivers

The CSS Profile is free to domestic undergraduate students whose family income is up to \$100,000



Online Tutorials

Tutorials for students, parents, non-custodial parents, and more are available online



Save & Return

You do not need to complete the entire application at one time.



FAFSA Information

For federal aid, students must complete the FAFSA available each year on October 1. For more information, visit fafsa.gov

Start your application at
cssprofile.org

We're here to help each step of the way.

Chat live or speak by phone with us Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Extended hours available October 1 through February 28.