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CSS Profile

The CSS Profile, short for the College Scholarship Services Profile, is an application distributed by College Board allowing students to apply for college financial aid. It is primarily designed to give institutions a closer look into the finances of a student and family. It is much more detailed than the FAFSA. The College Board estimates it will take most students/families between 45 minutes to two hours to complete the CSS PROFILE application. The CSS Profile asks questions about the financial status of the student and student's parents. The information the student gives in the CSS PROFILE is then sent to colleges or universities that the student specifies. Along with the FAFSA, the CSS PROFILE is the most common financial aid application.

What You Need to Complete the CSS Profile

Parent(s):

- Most recently completed tax returns and w2's
- Latest check stub
- Estimate income for the upcoming year for both parents
- Balance of checking, savings accounts and cash
- Value of 401K/403B and other retirement accounts
- Health Savings Account value
- Flex Spending account value
- Medical and Dental expenses not covered by insurance (out of pocket costs)
- Following information for all homes owned:
 - Monthly mortgage payments (only principal and interest)
 - Year home was purchased
 - Purchase price
 - Current value
 - Amount owed
 If parents have additional properties (summer homes, rental properties, cabins; same information needs to be provided)
 Properties in foreign countries also need to be reported.
- Value of stocks, bonds, CD's, mutual funds, trust funds, money market accounts, 529 accounts, UGMA/UTMA
- If parents own a business -
 - Year the business was acquired
 - Who's name it's under and the name and address of business
 - If it's a partnership, what percentage is owned by the parent
 - How much the business made the previous year (Refer to the schedule C or E for this information)
 - Value of the business
- If the parents have a farm, you need to provide the same information as above.

- If private school tuition is paid, how much is paid per year and how much will be paid the following year
- If college tuition is paid for another student, how much is paid per year and how much will be paid the following year
- Some colleges will ask for make, model and value of vehicles owned by the family. Be prepared to provide this if asked.
- You will need to upload tax and investment documents using IDOC, an institutional documentation service.

Student:

- College Board Login (collegeboard.org)
- List of colleges requesting CSS Profile
- Most current year's taxes and w2's
- Latest check stub
- Estimate on how much will be earned in the summer after senior year (June, July, August)
- Estimate of how much will be earned during the following school year (Sept-May)
- Balance of all accounts (checking, savings etc)
- Amount of scholarship money received

Additional Information

The CSS Profile, like the FAFSA, is based on the parent(s) the student lives with more. If parent is re-married, the step-parent's information needs to be provided. If there's a non-custodial parent, an email will be sent to that parent with additional questions they have to submit by the college deadline.

*CSS Profile is free for domestic students whose family income is up to \$100,000/year. For those above that income level, the CSS Profile is \$25. Additional reports are \$16.