

CSS Profile: What Is It And Do I Need It?

The CSS (College Scholarship Service) Profile is a financial form that some colleges/universities require *in addition to* the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). While the FAFSA determines eligibility for federal funding, the CSS Profile determines eligibility for nonfederal institutional funds. Parents and students may log on to <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com> to view the list of schools that require the CSS Profile. If a college/university requires the CSS Profile, parents and students must complete a financial worksheet at the website before registering for the Profile application. Customized questions will be asked based upon the colleges/universities selected. The initial registration fee is \$25, and then a fee of \$16 will be charged for *each* college requiring the CSS Profile. Students and parents are encouraged to complete the CSS Profile process now and to submit the FAFSA after January 1, 2010.