

# TRANSFER SERVICES

WORKSHOP 5A:  
THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SERVICE (CSS)  
PROFILE



# WHAT I WILL LEARN

Today's workshop will assist you in the following ways as you plan for your next steps:

- Understanding what a CSS Profile is and its purpose
- Completing the CSS Profile



The CSS/Financial Aid profile is an online non-federal financial aid form for almost 400 colleges, universities and scholarship programs. You can find a list of participating institutions here:

You can create an account and complete it through The College Board website. Students who had an SAT waiver should sign in with that user name and password.

It is available October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

International students are able to complete this form



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# COMPLETING THE CSS PROFILE

1. Register – create a College Board account, then follow all instructions for the CSS Financial Aid Profile
2. Complete the application
  - a) Have tax records and financial documents handy
  - b) Save time by using the pre-application worksheet

**MISSION COMPLETE**



## WHEN TO REGISTER/SUBMIT



Register your account at least two weeks prior to the deadline for the scholarship/Priority application deadline date you need to meet.

Cost? - \$25 to send the profile to one institution and \$16 for any additional profiles to be sent. Students who log in with their SAT waiver information will be able to get up to 8 CSS profile waivers. Students who did not use the SAT fee waiver may still qualify for a CSS Profile waiver based on income.



# COMPLETING THE CSS PROFILE

## CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE



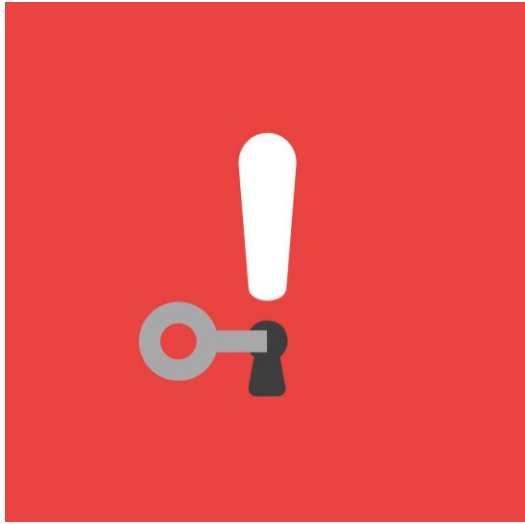
Here is what you can expect when completing the profile:

- Customized application questions about income, assets and expenses
- Additional questions by the college/university to which you are applying
- A non-custodial profile must be completed by the parent with whom you spend less time if you do not live with both parents for equal amounts of time
- Online help and live customer service
- Alerts to missing or incorrect information
- Your data is secure-your information is stored and protected with firewall protection



# AFTER YOU SUBMIT THE CSS PROFILE

- After you submit your application, print the acknowledgment. This includes the data you entered on your application and your college and scholarship list. You can use the acknowledgment to make changes to your PROFILE. It also provides information about the next steps in the process. Note: At any time, you may add a college or program to your PROFILE application.
- The data on your PROFILE are analyzed and reported to the colleges and scholarship programs you have specified. They then use the report to help determine your financial aid award.



## KEY POINTS

- The CSS Profile opens on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** every year
- Gather all of your information before beginning the form. It will save you time.
- International students can complete the CSS Profile.
- The CSS profile costs \$25 to send to the first college and an additional \$16 for each college you choose to send the profile to.



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**NEXT IN THE  
SERIES**

You have now learned what you need to file the CSS Profile. The next series in the workshops will help you complete a quality scholarships application.