

NEWSLETTER



Springfield Promise Program

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CSS Profile

If your student plans to attend college next fall, they may or may not be required to complete the CSS profile. Check your student's college list and this CSS participating school link to determine if your student needs to complete the profile:

https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx?mod=article_inline

What is the CSS Profile?

The College Scholarship Service financial aid application (or CSS Profile) is required at over 200 colleges and universities. For these colleges, if you want to be considered for need-based aid, and in some cases, merit-based scholarships, you must complete both the CSS Profile AND the FAFSA. The CSS Profile determines institutional aid from the college, not federal aid (that's what the FAFSA does).

How much time does it take to complete the CSS profile?

The CSS Profile requires more information and takes more time to complete. It includes 17 sections and asks pertinent information about your family's finances including home equity if you own your home, investments, retirement, and more. So, you and your student need to set aside some time to complete it. Contact your SPS Financial Aid Advisor to get it done as soon as possible.

When is the CSS Profile deadline?

Unlike the FAFSA, the CSS Profile deadline varies from college to college. Please check your student's specific college website(s) or contact the institution's financial aid office for more information and specific due dates.

COST AND RENEWAL

How much does the CSS Profile cost?

The CSS Profile costs \$25 for the first application and \$16 for each additional one. You may qualify for a CSS Profile fee waiver if your student qualifies for free and reduced lunch or your family's adjusted gross income is \$100,000 or less.

Do I complete the CSS Profile every year if my student's college requires it?

Yes, just like the FAFSA, the CSS Profile is required every year your student is enrolled at the school, if they want to be considered for financial aid.