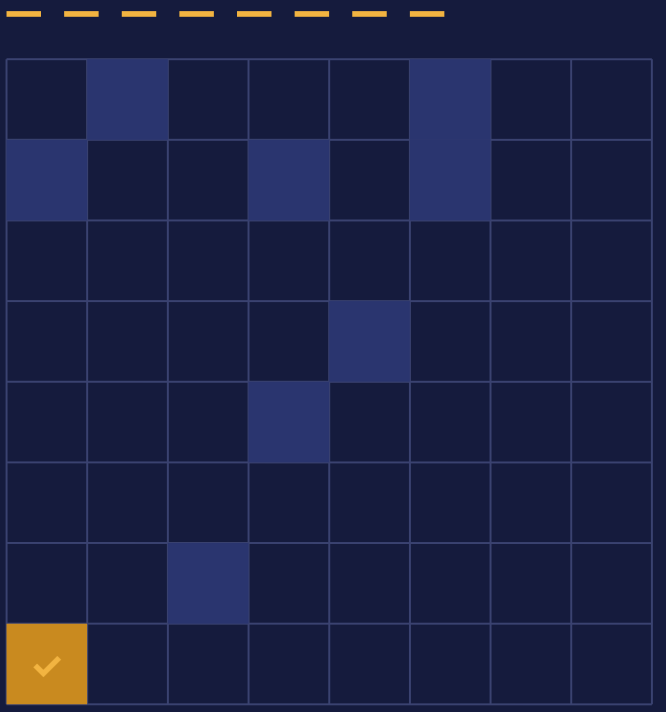
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What You Need to Know About Financial Aid



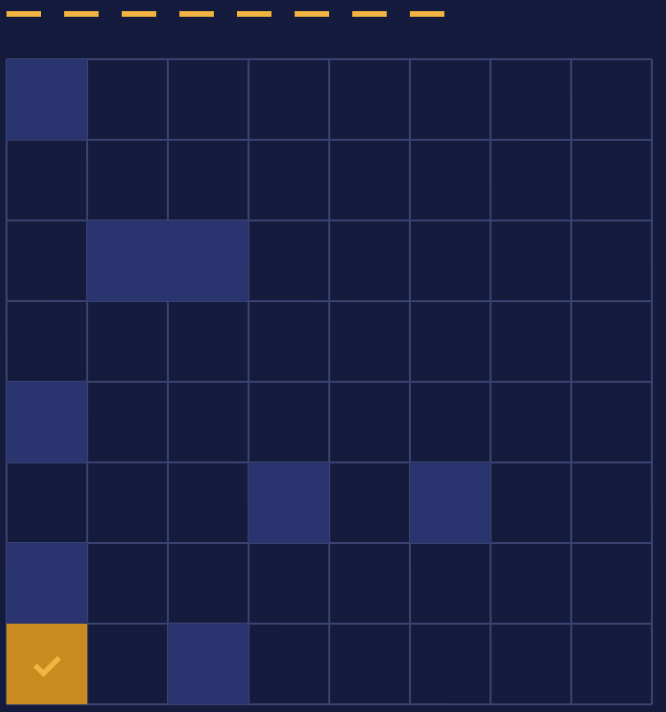
Your Guide to the 2027-28 CSS Profile: Reference Details

Watch the webinar and read the full transcript at
lifelaunchr.com/your-guide-to-the-2027-28-css-profile

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APPENDIX

Details for Filling Out the CSS Profile



Reference material to use while you complete the form.

APPENDIX A1

What You'll Need: Full Checklist

Accounts and Information

- College Board account for the student
- CSS Profile code for each college
- List of colleges and their aid deadlines
- Noncustodial parent's email, if required
- Student's own income and assets

Financial Records

- 2025 federal tax returns and W-2s
- Records of untaxed income and benefits
- Cash, savings, and checking balances
- Investment and 529 statements
- Home value and mortgage balance
- Other real estate value and debt
- Business or farm value and debt
- Medical and private school tuition costs

APPENDIX A2

Fees and Fee Waivers

- $25 for the first college, $16 for each additional college.
- Free for U.S. undergraduates with family adjusted gross income (AGI) up to $100,000.
- Free if the student qualified for an SAT fee waiver.
- Free if the student is an orphan or ward of the court under age 24.
- Noncustodial parents with family AGI up to $100,000 also file free.
- Source: cssprofile.collegeboard.org/fee-waivers

APPENDIX A3

Requesting a Noncustodial Parent Waiver

- [ ] Confirm each college requires the noncustodial parent and accepts the College Board waiver. Some use their own form.
- [ ] Complete and sign the College Board's waiver request form.
- [ ] Include court documents or legal orders, if you have them.
- [ ] Include a letter from a counselor, social worker, teacher, or clergy member who knows your situation.
- [ ] Letters from family members or attorneys may not be accepted.
- [ ] Send it to each college that accepts it, and keep a copy. Approval isn't guaranteed.

APPENDIX A4

College Board Resources

- Participating colleges: profile.collegeboard.org/PPI/participatingInstitutions.aspx
- Guide for parents: cssprofile.collegeboard.org/profile-for-parents
- International applicants: cssprofile.collegeboard.org/international-applicants
- Fee waivers: cssprofile.collegeboard.org/fee-waivers
- How the formula works: secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/professionals/institutional-methodology.pdf
- IDOC document upload: idoc.collegeboard.org

APPENDIX A5

More Resources

- Our FAFSA webinar recording and transcript: swamistakeoncollege.substack.com/p/what-you-need-to-know-about-financial
- Princeton Financial Aid Application: admission.princeton.edu/cost-aid/apply-financial-aid
- Georgia Tech aid forms and deadlines: finaid.gatech.edu/apply/fall-first-year
- Screen-by-screen CSS Profile overview: proprofstraining.com/app/course/?title=css-profile-overview_610a8b71a66f7
- Each college's net price calculator, on its financial aid site
- Questions: help@lifelaunchr.com