

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®

Important Information on Fee Waivers and Fee Payment Codes

By filling out the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® application, students can apply online for nonfederal financial aid from almost 400 colleges and scholarship programs.

The fee for the initial PROFILE application and one college or program report is \$25. Additional reports are \$16. For students from low-income backgrounds, the College Board provides fee waivers that cover both the application and reporting fees. **This year, the College Board is increasing the number of fee waivers from six to eight per qualified student.**

Important Information about PROFILE Fee Waivers

Any first-year student whose parents live in the United States is considered eligible for PROFILE fee waivers. Family income and assets, as reported on the PROFILE application, determine final eligibility. Domestic, first-year students who are orphans and wards of the court under the age of 24 are automatically eligible.

- Eight fee waivers are granted automatically to eligible students upon completion of the PROFILE application.
- Students applying to more than eight institutions can often receive fee payment codes from one or more institutions to cover additional applications.
- Students should contact the institutions to which they are applying to determine the availability of fee codes.

Fee Waiver Eligibility

As a general rule of thumb, students are eligible for a PROFILE fee waiver if they come from a family with:

- Annual parental **income** of around \$40,000 or less;
- **Assets**, not including the home, of around \$30,000 or less; and
- **Home equity** of less than \$100,000.

Why Expand Fee Waivers?

The College Board's mission includes connecting all students to college and university experiences that are the best fit for them, regardless of income.

By expanding fee waivers to eight, **the College Board will meet 100 percent of the fees for over 90 percent of fee-waiver-eligible students.**

About Fee Payment Codes

Fee Payment Codes may be purchased by colleges, universities, scholarship programs, schools, and agencies to provide to students who are applying for financial aid. They can be used in any way that the institution deems appropriate and can be given to:

- Low-income students who apply to more than eight schools
- Any students not eligible for a fee waiver

Students should contact the institutions to which they are applying to determine the availability of fee payment codes or other application options if they cannot pay for the PROFILE application.

PROFILE Help Is Available

To help students complete their PROFILE applications, the College Board provides a range of support options including:

- An application customized for each student, asking only the questions relevant to his or her family's situation;
- Detailed online help;
- An extensive FAQ section;
- Live customer service; and
- Automatic edits to note missing or possibly incorrect information.



For more information, visit us online at <http://student.collegeboard.org/PROFILE> or email help@cssprofile.org. You can also call at:

- **For Students:** 305-829-9793 (Phone lines are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time. Service hours are extended January through April from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Time and are subject to change.)
 - **For Professionals:** 800-239-5888
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