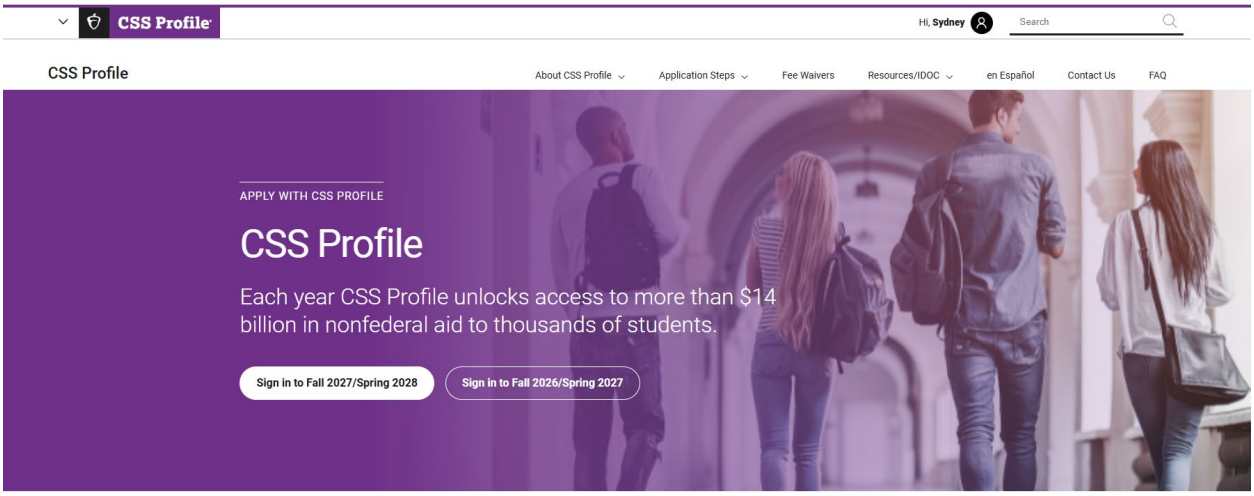
Screenshots of the 2027-2028 CSS Profile



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Getting Started

Welcome to the 2027-28 CSS Profile!

CSS Profile is a common application for institutional financial aid. Hundreds of schools and scholarship programs use the CSS Profile to award need-based aid to students.

The CSS Profile is dynamic and is based on the answers you provide. This means we only ask you the questions that are relevant to you!

What we'll ask:

- Basic student information, including the schools you may attend
- Questions to understand your family situation
- Parent income and assets (if applicable)
- Student income and assets

We also provide a section at the end for you to let your schools know anything else that impacts your ability to pay for college.

Before you begin
Collect the following for both you and any parents you will be including on the application:

- Income documents for any money earned from work. Examples include: tax returns, W2s, earning statements, and interest statements (1099s).
- Asset documents (bank statements, investment summaries).
- Documents related to the value and debt of any businesses, rental properties, or farms.

With the information above, most students can complete the application in a single sitting.

Be on the lookout for hints and help text throughout the application and find more information in our Frequently Asked Questions.

For all questions concerning money, round to the nearest whole number (for example, round US dollars to the nearest dollar, do not include cents).

Ready to get started? Click "Continue" to get going!

Continue

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Application Intro

First, we'll collect information about the student and make sure that it's correct. Then, we'll move to questions about who else may need to provide information and the student's educational plans. Click Continue to get started.

Continue

About the Student

Provide your legal name. Schools will use this to link your application to your school record.

Legal Name

First name (required)

Middle name

Last name (required)

Nickname

Note: The nickname you enter here will be shared with the colleges you select within the application and can be seen **by your parent(s)/guardian(s) who have access to your CSS Profile**.

If you would like College Board to use your nickname outside of CSS Profile, you will need to update your College Board account.

Contact Information

Phone number (required)

Email address (required)

Note: Use an email address you check regularly so we can update you on the status of your application and so schools can reach you.

Be sure your email address can receive email from the College Board by adding our domain name, collegeboard.org, to the list of enabled mail senders.

Save and Continue

About the Student

Provide additional information about yourself, Sydney. This helps us figure out what other questions we should ask.

Sydney's date of birth (required)

Month	Day	Year

Sydney's marital status (required)

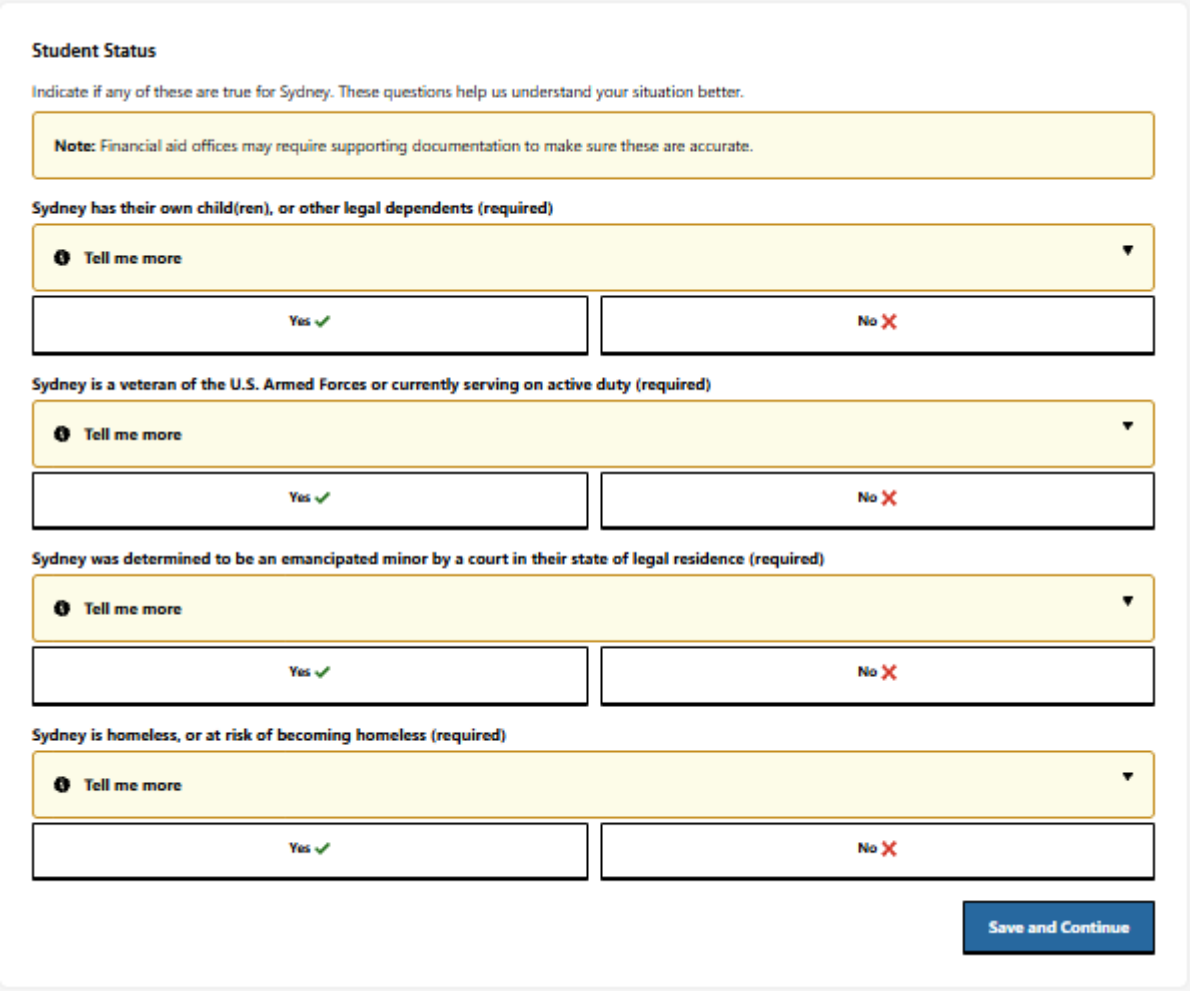
Sydney's permanent country of residence (where they live permanently) (required)

Note: Make sure to answer for the student's marital status.

Note: Select the country where you live. This should be your permanent address, and it may be different from where you receive your mail. If you are temporarily living in another country, please indicate your permanent country of residence.

Save and Continue

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If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, the rest of the application is the same, except you will not have to answer the parent income and asset questions.

Foster Care or Ward of the Court

Indicate if any of these are true for Sydney. These questions help us understand your situation better.

Note: Financial aid offices may require supporting documentation to make sure these are accurate.

Sydney was (until the age of 18) a ward of the court (required)

Tell me more

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Sydney was (until the age of 18) in foster care (required)

Tell me more

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

Student's Permanent Address

What is Sydney's address?

Street address (required)

Street address (line 2)

City (required)

State/Province (required)

ZIP/Postal Code (required)

Save and Continue

Student's Identification

Sydney's Social Security Number (US) or Social Insurance Number (Canada)

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Note: If you have a SSN or SIN, enter it. All information entered on the CSS Profile is securely collected and stored and only shared with the institutions you select. Schools often rely on your SSN or SIN to accurately identify your application

Sydney's CBFinAidID is a College Board issued ID that is used to match your application data if you have previously submitted a CSS Profile. If you have one from last year or received one via email, enter it here. Leave this blank if you do not have a CBFinAidID.

Save and Continue

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Confirm Demographics

Please confirm this information is correct. It is used by schools to connect your application to your school record.

Parents

In this section we'll ask basic information about Sydney's parents. Please include all biological, adoptive, stepparents, legal guardians, and parental partners.

Continue

Parental Relationships

Who are Sydney's parents?

Parent 1 Remove ▲

Parent 1 First Name (required)

Parent 1 Last Name (required)

Relationship to Sydney (required)

- ○ Father
- ○ Mother
- ○ Stepfather
- ○ Stepmother
- ○ Legal guardian
- ○ Other
- ☐ Check if Deceased

Parent 2

Remove ▲

Parent 2 First Name (required)

Parent 2 Last Name (required)

Relationship to Sydney (required)

- ☐ Father
- ☐ Mother
- ☐ Stepfather
- ☐ Stepmother
- ☐ Legal guardian
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Check if Deceased

Add Parent

Warning: Changing parents may make some information invalid. You may have to answer some questions again.

Save and Continue

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Household Verification

What is the marital status of Sydney's parents? (required)

- [ ] Married or in domestic partnership
- [ ] Separated
- [ ] Divorced
- [ ] Unmarried, not living together
- [ ] Unmarried, living together

Save and Continue

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Residence

What country do Jamie and Renee live in? (required)

What if the country is not listed?

Save and Continue

Current Education Information

In this next section we'll ask questions about Sydney's current school year.

What is Sydney's grade level for the 2026-27 academic year (required)

How should I answer this?

Save and Continue

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Current Education Information

Complete the fields below to describe Sydney's high school for the 2026-27 academic year.

Select Sydney's high school type (required)

Public School

High school name (required)

Hint: Please enter the full name of your high school.

Save and Continue

Add or Remove College/Program

Sydney, in this section we'll ask you questions about your plans for the 2027-28 academic year.

Continue

Add or Remove College/Program

Search to select the colleges and programs that you want to receive your CSS Profile information. You can add or remove colleges or programs at any time before you submit your application.

Search By

- CSS Code Number
- College/Program Name
- State

College/Program Name (required)

Search

College/Program Details

Colby College ▲

2027-28 year in school (required)

Hint: Select Undergraduate options for Bachelor's or Associate's degrees. Select Graduate options for Master's degrees or higher.

Colby College Assigned ID (if known)

Tell me more

What are your housing plans? (required)

- ☐ On campus
- ☐ Off campus
- ☐ With parents
- ☐ With relatives

Save and Continue

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Parent Details

Great start wrapping up the first section! We now know whose information will need to be collected and which schools will receive Sydney's CSS Profile.

In the next section, we'll ask questions about Jamie and Renee's income, assets, and who lives with them. You will need to know their date of birth and contact information, and have tax returns, earning statements, and asset information ready.

Continue

Provide the following for Jamie

Tell us more about Jamie

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) (required)

Month | Day | Year

Social Security Number (or Social Insurance Number)

How will this be used?

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Email address (required)

How will this be used?

State of residence (required)

Highest level of education completed

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Parent Income

The next section will ask about Jamie and Renee's income. You will need their 2025 federal tax return(s) and W-2 forms or wage statements from each of their employers.

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Parent Tax Return Status

Did Jamie and Renee file a federal tax return for 2025? (required)

What if my parents filed a non U.S. return?

- [ ] Completed
- [ ] Estimated, will file
- [ ] Not filed, and not required to file, a tax return

Save and Continue

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Parent Tax Return Type

What type of tax return did Jamie and Renee file or will file for 2025? (required)

Specific scenarios

- [ ] U.S. tax return (1040)
- [ ] Canadian tax return
- [ ] U.S. Territory return
- [ ] Other non-U.S. tax return

Save and Continue

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Parent Tax Filing Status

What is Jamie and Renee's tax filing status for 2025? (required)

What if my parents filed separate tax returns?

- ☐ Married, filing joint return
- ☐ Head of household
- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married, filing separate returns
- ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse

Save and Continue

Parent Income Intro

To set up the rest of your application, Jamie and Renee will need the following documents:
2025 1040, including all pages and schedules
2025 W-2s from each employer

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Parent Employment Intro

Next we'll ask questions about Jamie and Renee's employment and any retirement plans.

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Housing Information

Next, you will provide some details on where you and your family live. If your family owns your home, you will need mortgage information to complete this section.

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Household Introduction

An important part of financial aid is understanding who is in your family. So far we know it consists of:

Sydney[redacted]
Jamie[redacted]
Renee[redacted]

On the next pages we will ask about other people such as the student's siblings.

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Child Support Received

Next, we'll ask questions about child support.

Did Jamie and Renee receive child support in 2025? (required)

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

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Parent Expenses

To give a more complete picture of your financial situation, we need to know about some of Jamie and Renee's expenses.

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Parent Expenses

Did Jamie and Renee have any medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance?

Hint: Select "yes" if the student's parents had uncovered/unreimbursed medical/dental expenses that were more than 4% of their total income for either 2025 or 2026.

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

Parent Expenses

Did Jamie and Renee have the following expenses?

Repayment of any college loan debt in 2025

Hint: This includes loans for the student, parents, and siblings

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Repayment of any college loan debt in 2026

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

Alimony

Did Jamie and Renee have the following expenses?

Alimony

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

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Parent Assets

In this section, we'll ask questions about the assets that belong to Jamie and Renee. To begin, we'll ask you questions to determine the types of assets owned. Then, you'll provide the current value of each asset. Statements from a bank or financial institution may be useful for this section.

Remember:
- provide the value for each asset as of today, rather than average or original values.
- this section is entirely about the assets that belong to Jamie and Renee

Continue

Parent Asset Details

Do Sydney's parent(s) (Jamie and Renee) have the following assets?

Current amount in cash, savings, checking, and deposit accounts (required)

Investments (required)

What investments are included?

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Own real estate beyond the primary home, such as land, a vacation or second home, a seasonal or vacation rental property, or rent real estate to others (required)

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Own or operate a business that is a primary income source or is in addition to other work (required)

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Own a farm or part of a farm (required)

Yes ✓ | No ✗

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Parent Assets

Assets they own but are held in the names of their children (required)

What assets are included?

An asset owned by a sibling, in his/her name, should not be reported on this application. For example, a checking account owned by the student's sibling.

Select yes if there are parent assets that, although held in a dependent child's name, are owned by the parent such as funds in custodial accounts, UGMAs (Uniform Gifts to Minors Accounts), or other savings and investment accounts for the applicant's siblings.

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

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Student Income

Next, we'll ask about Sydney's income. If Sydney is married, you'll need to also provide Sydney's spouse's tax information.

Continue

Student Tax Return Status

Did Sydney file a tax return for 2025?

Tax Return Status (required)

- ☐ Completed
- ☐ Estimated, will file
- ☐ Not filed, and not required to file, a tax return

Save and Continue

Student Tax Return Type

What type of tax form did Sydney file or will file?

Type of tax return (required)

- ☐ U.S. tax return (1040)
- ☐ Canadian tax return
- ☐ U.S. Territory return
- ☐ Other non-U.S. tax return

Save and Continue

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Student Tax Filing Status

What is Sydney's tax filing status?

Tax filing status (required)

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married, filing joint return
- ☐ Married, filing separate returns
- ☐ Head of household
- ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse

Save and Continue

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Student U.S. Tax Return

You will need the following documents to complete this section:
2025 1040 tax return, including all pages and schedules
2025 W-2s from each employer

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Student Assets

Sydney, tell us what types of assets you own and their current value. Statements from a bank or financial institution may be useful for this section.

Remember:
- provide the value for each asset as of today, rather than average or original values
- provide only the assets that belong to Sydney (and if married, their spouse)

Continue

Student Asset Types

Does Sydney have any of the following assets? Select all that apply.

Investments

Yes ✓ | No ✗

A trust

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

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Student Asset Details

How much does Sydney currently have in cash, savings, checking, and deposit accounts? (required)

Hint: Enter the total value as of today.

Save and Continue

Student Retirement

Does Sydney own any retirement assets?

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

FAFSA Questions (optional)

The following question(s) are optional and for informational purposes only:

Did you file a 2027-28 FAFSA? (optional)

Yes ✓ | No ✗

Save and Continue

Special Circumstances/Additional Information

Select all that have an ongoing financial impact for your family: **(required)**

Note: Check all that apply. You will have an opportunity to explain your selection(s) on the next page. If you do not have any circumstances to report, select None.

- ☐ Change in employment
- ☐ Exceptional medical or dental expenses
- ⓘ What is eldercare or financial support? ▼
- ☐ Eldercare or financial support of other family members
- ☐ Non-recurring income or expenses
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None

Save and Continue

You may see this depending on the school listed on the CSS Profile:

