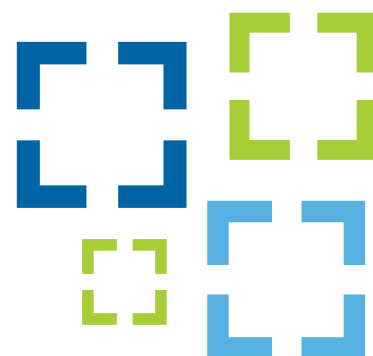




# CSS/Financial Aid **PROFILE**®

## A Global Application



As the number of international students attending college in the U.S. continues to climb, colleges need an accurate and global method for collecting financial data from international students, as well as a formula that equitably measures financial need, in order to effectively award institutional aid. CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® is an online institutional aid application that streamlines the process for international aid applicants, as it does with domestic students, and automates data collection for colleges and universities.

### MAKE BETTER INTERNATIONAL AWARDING DECISIONS WITH PROFILE

Using PROFILE for international students equips you with the information you need to attract, enroll, and retain the students you want to recruit. The PROFILE application collects family financial information from international students, providing a comprehensive and reliable picture of each family's financial strength.

#### PROFILE can help you target your institutional aid by:



Collecting accurate  
and reliable data



Following your  
recruitment cycle



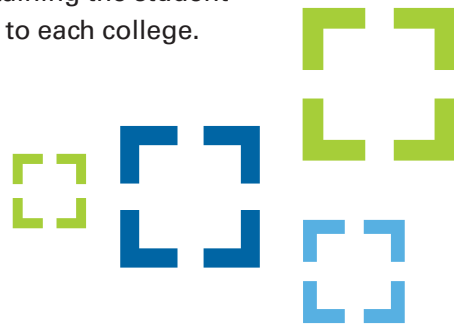
Providing the option  
to collect additional  
institution-specific information

## PROFILE CAN BE PERSONALIZED FOR YOUR INSTITUTION'S NEEDS IN SERVING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

PROFILE applications can be tailored to both domestic and international students and provide customized data aligned to your institution's requirements and policies. Additionally, the Institutional Methodology (IM) that supports PROFILE takes into account the economic and cultural attributes unique to each country, ensuring equity within and between countries.

## HERE'S HOW PROFILE WORKS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- ▶ Students register for the PROFILE service online at [student.collegeboard.org/profile](https://student.collegeboard.org/profile) and indicate the colleges they'll apply to. Students can also visit EducationUSA\* Advising Centers, which are located around the world, for assistance with accessing the internet and to learn more about financial aid.
- ▶ Based on registration information and college choices, each student receives a personalized PROFILE application.
- ▶ Students complete the application using the currency of their country of residence; submitted data is delivered to institutions in U.S. dollars.
- ▶ Once submitted, the application is processed by the College Board, and an electronic data file containing the student application data is sent to each college.



## OTHER BENEFITS OF PROFILE

- ▶ **Online application**  
Available around the clock with detailed support designed to help students and families meet institutional deadlines.
- ▶ **Flexible options**  
Customization allows for easy adjustments to need-based aid formulas.
- ▶ **Three years of income information**  
Three years of information captured from parents to help identify year-to-year changes.
- ▶ **Identification of data inconsistencies**  
Alert messages highlight responses that may need to be reviewed.
- ▶ **Insight into special circumstances**  
Manage appeals proactively with descriptive information on unusual expenses and special circumstances.
- ▶ **Preapplication resources**  
Worksheets, instructions, and online tutorials help families prepare and complete the application.

\* **EducationUSA** is a U.S. Department of State network of over 400 international student advising centers in more than 170 countries. The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States. EducationUSA also provides services to the U.S. higher education community to help institutional leaders meet their recruitment and campus internationalization goals. For more information, visit [educationusa.state.gov](https://educationusa.state.gov).

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