

Creating a CSS Profile Account for Parent Use

To complete a CSS Profile, you need to have a College Board **student** account. This can be confusing when you need to complete the CSS Profile as a **parent** (for example, as a noncustodial parent). Below are important tips and instructions to help you create an account as a parent.

Important Tips

- * **Create the account using your (the parent's) information, not the student's**
- * **On the "Getting Started" screen of the CSS Profile, update the pre-filled information (name & email address) to the student's information**

Creating an Account

1. Go to <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
2. Click **Sign In to Apply** in the header of the page

A screenshot of the top section of the CSS Profile website. It features a purple background with white text that reads "Apply for Financial Aid with CSS Profile". Below this, in smaller white text, it says "Nearly 400 colleges, professional schools, and scholarship programs use CSS Profile to award non federal aid." At the bottom of this section is a yellow button with the text "Sign In to Apply".

Apply for Financial Aid with CSS Profile

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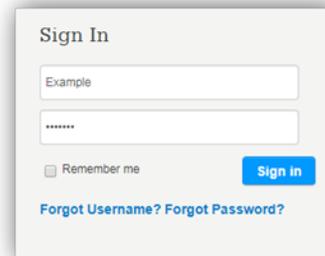
Sign In to Apply

3. Select the application award year (e.g. **Sign In 2018-19**)
4. Click **Sign Up**
5. Complete the form **using your (the parent's) information, not your student's information.**

Note: You only need to provide information marked by a red asterisk*.

Accessing the CSS Profile Application

1. Go to <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
2. Click **Sign In to Apply** in the header of the page
3. Select the application award year
4. Sign in using the account you created

A screenshot of the "Sign In" form on the CSS Profile website. The form has a white background and a light gray border. It contains two input fields: the first is labeled "Example" and the second is for a password, indicated by asterisks. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled "Remember me". To the right of the checkbox is a blue button labeled "Sign in". At the bottom of the form, there are two links: "Forgot Username?" and "Forgot Password?".

Sign In

Example

Remember me

[Forgot Username?](#) [Forgot Password?](#)

5. On the first page of the application **you must correct any pre-filled information to your student's information** or your student's colleges will not be able to process your application.