The College Scholarship Profile (CSS), Financial Aid PROFILE and Arizona Assurance

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Mission and Vision

• Mission: The Arizona Assurance Scholars Program provides academic, financial and social support for low-income Arizona residents as a way to ensure success, retention and graduation from the University of Arizona.

• Vision: We seek to empower low-income students to become independent scholars and contributing members of society therefore improving the educational demographics in the State of Arizona.
Arizona Assurance Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility for consideration
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1 of senior year in high school
- Submit a complete admissions application by March 1
- Be an Arizona resident
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) or combined parental income of $42,400 or below
- High School cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Pell grant eligible according to the FAFSA
- Enroll full-time the year immediately following high school

Students who meet eligibility criteria above are
- Invited to complete College Board PROFILE by March 31
Arizona Assurance Funding

Arizona Assurance enables students to complete a Bachelor’s degree in four years with little or no debt.

The essential costs covered by the program include:

• Tuition and fees
• Books
• Room and board

Financial Aid Package includes:

• Pell Grant
• Other grants and scholarship
• Work Study
• Loans are offered to cover expenses beyond tuition, books, room and board
Continued Eligibility

Renewal Criteria

• Arizona resident
• Pell grant eligible
• Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (2.0 GPA, and 24 units completed)
• Complete the FAFSA by March 1\textsuperscript{st}
• Be enrolled in an undergraduate program
• Complete success programming
Freshmen Success Programming

• Attend Focus on Success in August
• Participate in a recommended transition program or course
• Meet with Arizona Assurance Mentor twice a semester
• Meet with major Academic Advisor at least once a semester
• Submit mid-term progress report
Sophomore – Senior Success Programming

• Complete Online Modules
  – Sophomore – Exploring majors and careers, internet resources for engagement
  – Junior - Applying for graduate school, interviewing
  – Senior – Applying for jobs, life after college

• Meet with Advisor each semester
• Attend one workshop
• Engage in opportunities outside of class
What is PROFILE?
• An online application for financial aid
  – Available 24/7
• Used by colleges and organizations to award their private funds
• List of institutions using PROFILE can be found on the college board website
How to file PROFILE

• Register
  ○ Create a College Board online account
    ✷ https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp
    ✷ Save user name and password
  ○ Go to PROFILE online (link above) to begin

• Complete the application for the correct school year
  ○ Have most recent tax records and financial documents handy
  ○ Click on the “help” text to better understand a question

• Submit the application
  ○ Enter payment information (credit card, debit card, online check, etc)
  ○ Press Submit
  ○ Print out and save PROFILE acknowledgement
CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®

The fast, easy, convenient secure way to apply for financial aid

Welcome to PROFILE, the financial aid application service of the College Board -- a national, not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Many of the member colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, and scholarship programs use the information collected on PROFILE to help them award nonfederal student aid funds.

Completing PROFILE Online requires you to have a secure browser and either a valid credit card or checking account.

If you submitted a 2011-12 PROFILE Application and sign in using your user name from last year, we will pre-fill some of your information using last year’s application. If you have forgotten your user name or password, click on "FALL 2012/SPRING 2013" below then click on "Forgot your user name?" or "Forgot your password?" and follow the directions.

COMING SOON - Applying for financial aid for fall 2013 and/or spring 2014? Please wait for the 2013-14 PROFILE Application, available starting October 1, 2012. Applying for financial aid for fall 2012 and/or spring 2013? Click here to register for and complete your PROFILE Application.

Click to view the 2012 - 13 PROFILE Student Guide.

Click to view the list of colleges, universities, and scholarship programs that will use the 2012 - 13 PROFILE, Noncustodial PROFILE (NCP), and IDOC Services.

Seleccione aquí para ver 2012 - 13 La Guía del Estudiante.
Register for PROFILE

Registration is the only part of the application that has to be completely filled out the first time through. If you log out of PROFILE during registration, your information will not be saved. At any point after registration you can stop and save your work, then return at a later time to continue.

This site is secure and designed for the passing of confidential information. When you submit your application you will be charged a $9.00 application fee and a reporting fee of $16.00 for each college or scholarship program selected. You can pay with a valid credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA), debit card (VISA or MasterCard), online check (drawn on a U.S. based bank), or Fee Payment Code. A limited number of fee waivers are awarded automatically to first-time applicants from very low income families who qualify based on the parent income and asset information provided on the PROFILE.

At the end of the registration process you will be assigned a CSS ID Number. You will need this number as a reference for inquiries to customer service.

If you want to add colleges to a submitted application, be sure to sign in with the user name you used to complete the 2012-13 PROFILE, then click on “Add Colleges to Submitted Application” on the Home Page.

REGISTER
What are the benefits of PROFILE?

- PROFILE is available in January of each year – used for early action/early decision & other early reads

- Collects income, asset and household information

- Provides institutions a better understanding of the family’s financial situation
Is PROFILE complicated?

• Customized to the applicant and to the institution
  – Simple family financial situations = fewer questions
  – Complex family financial situations = more questions

• Presents only the questions relevant to the applicant

• Customer service available for students at 305-829-9793
• PROFILE is available January of each year
• Submit the PROFILE by March 31st at the latest
• Missing the due date can lead to ineligibility for the Arizona Assurance Program
$25 fee covers initial application processing and the first school report.

$16 reporting fee for each additional college report or additional college requests (ACR)

Students may pay using credit card, debit card, online check, fee waiver (automatic is eligible), or fee payment code.
Fee Waivers

• Awarded automatically to eligible first year, dependent applicants

• Eligibility based on income, assets and family information

• Covers the cost of up to 6 PROFILE reports

• On average, first year applicants send PROFILE reports to 3 institutions
Fee Payment Codes

• Fee Payment Codes *may* be an option when a student does not qualify for Fee Waivers or sends more than 6 PROFILE reports

• Fee Payment Codes are mapped to the institution providing the code

• Fee Payment Codes can be used only once

• Students can contact their Admissions Counselor or Financial Aid Counselor for more information on obtaining a code
## Application

**Status:** Application not submitted - please continue

### Final Charge Summary

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### Submit and Payment

Please Note: When you submit your payment information you are also submitting your application for processing and you are agreeing to the following: All the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this application. I realize that this proof may include a copy of my federal, state, provincial or local income tax returns, bank statements, or other documentation. I certify that all information is correct at this time, and that I will send timely notice to my colleges/programs of any significant change in family income or assets, financial situation, college plans of other children, or the receipt of other scholarships or grants.

**Pay by Credit or Debit Card or by Check**

- Pay by Card or Check

**Fee Payment Codes**

If you received a Fee Payment Code from one or more of your colleges or scholarship programs, click here to enter the information.

- Enter Fee Payment Codes
### Sample PROFILE Acknowledgement

#### Updating Your Information

**Application Responses**

Below is the data you entered on your PROFILE Registration and Application.

**Student's Name:** Chris Complex  
**Date:** 11-01-2011  
**CSS ID:** 2009403  
**User Name:** COMPLEXFAMB

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<td>Student's Social Security Number</td>
<td>456-77-8888</td>
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<td>Student's name</td>
<td>Chris Complex</td>
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<td>Student's title</td>
<td>Mr.</td>
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<td>Student's email address</td>
<td><a href="mailto:finaidservices@collegeboard.org">finaidservices@collegeboard.org</a></td>
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<td>Student's date of birth</td>
<td>09-01-1993</td>
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<td>Student's permanent address</td>
<td>1010 Grove Street, Reston, VA 20190</td>
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<td>Student's mailing address</td>
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<td>Student's preferred telephone number</td>
<td>(703) 999-9999</td>
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<td>1  What will be the student's year in college or university during 2012-13?</td>
<td>1st year (never previously attended college/university)</td>
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<td>2  What will be the student's financial aid status during 2012-13?</td>
<td>First-time applicant, entering student (or transfer student)</td>
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<td>3  What is the student's citizenship status?</td>
<td>U.S. citizen</td>
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<td>4  What is the student’s current marital status?</td>
<td>Single</td>
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<td>5  Is the student a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>6  Are both of the student's parents deceased, or is the student (or was the student until age 18) in foster care or a ward/dependent of the court, or as of today is the student an emancipated minor?</td>
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<td>7  Does the student have legal dependents (other than a spouse)?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>8  Has the student completed an income tax return for the 2011 tax year?</td>
<td>Completed an income tax return</td>
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<td>9  What income tax return did or will the student file for the 2011 tax year?</td>
<td>1040</td>
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<td>10 Does the student own all or a part of a business, corporation, partnership, farm, home, or other real property that is the student’s asset?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Helpful PROFILE Resources

- https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarships-grants
- http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/
Contact Information

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid
520-621-1858
financialaid.arizona.edu/assurance

Arizona Assurance Scholars Program
520-626-3656
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