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# CSS Profile 2018-19

## NEW FEATURES AND FUNCTIONALITY



Starting with the 2018-19 application cycle, students will experience a redesigned CSS Profile™ application. The new CSS Profile platform will:

- Leverage new technology to give students and families a better experience
- Provide reliable data to higher education institutions through improved processes

We plan to deliver incremental improvements over three years, beginning with the 2018-19 application.

## New for 2018-19



### FOR APPLICANTS:

- Modern look and feel
- Enhanced skip logic and interview-style data entry
- Improved tools that encourage completion and accuracy
- Live chat feature
- One application location and similar experience for all parents



### FOR ADMINISTRATORS:

- One institutional portal for CSS Profile and IDOC processing: service options form completion, data review, and file download
- Enhanced messaging on deadlines
- Expanded responses to a few critical questions delivered within the institutional portal only



## TRAINING TOPICS:

- **General**
  - ♦ Future enhancements, new autodownload feature, and CSS Profile, IDOC, and PowerFAIDS® integration
  - ♦ Best practices and suggested messages for websites and communications
- **Webinars designed for operational and technical staff:**
  - ♦ File layout changes for 2018-19 and potential impacts to your institutional processes
  - ♦ Layouts available on the Financial Aid Services Information Center
- **Institutional Portal**
  - ♦ Live demonstrations of new features and processes, setting service options, e-FNARs, NPRs, and evaluation sheets
- **CSS Profile Application**
  - ♦ Overview of the student experience including changes to questions, navigation, student dashboards, and resources for applicants
  - ♦ Live Q&A sessions
- **IDOC**
  - ♦ Demonstration of the 2018-19 student experience and Q&A session

Documents, recordings, and training registration links are on the Financial Aid Services Information Center. Email invitations will be sent to the main contact and director of financial aid based on the 2017-18 service options.

Visit [collegeboard.org/cssprofile](https://collegeboard.org/cssprofile).



## AT-A-GLANCE DATES

### April 27:

Data layouts published, Financial Aid Services Information Center

### August 1:

Service Options open; please complete by September 1

### September 21:

CSS Profile application available but not advertised

### October 1:

CSS Profile official launch and IDOC notifications start

### October 10-11:

Campus Need Analysis Roundtable Chicago, Ill.

### October 16-20:

Institute on Financial Aid Denver, Colo.

### October 25-27:

Forum 2017  
New York, N.Y.