



Ask an Expert All Your CSS Profile Questions

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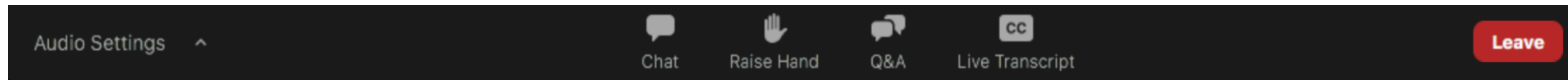


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What is the CSS Profile®?

- The College Board's online financial aid application
- Required by roughly 200 colleges/universities & (a few) scholarship programs
 - Check each college/university's financial aid website
- All colleges also require the FAFSA®
- Used to award non-federal financial aid funds
- Opens **October 1st** each year
- Available for both domestic and international students



Why Do Institutions Use the Profile?

- Collects more detailed information than the FAFSA
- Allows schools to ask customized questions
- Permits you to provide special circumstances



Start Here: cssprofile.org

Links to more info

The screenshot shows the CSS Profile website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About CSS Profile', 'Application Steps', 'Fee Waivers', 'Resources/IDOC', 'en Español', 'Contact Us', and 'FAQ'. The main header features the text 'APPLY WITH CSS PROFILE' and 'CSS Profile' in large font, followed by a description: 'Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than \$10 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.' Below this are two buttons: 'Sign in to Fall 2025/Spring 2026' and 'Sign in to Fall 2024/Spring 2025'. The main content area is divided into four columns, each with an icon and a title: 'Check Participating Schools and Scholarships' (school icon), 'Learn How to Apply' (document icon), 'Information for Parents' (parent icon), and 'BigFuture®' (dollar sign icon). Each column has a brief description and a button. The 'Information for Parents' button is labeled 'Info for noncustodial parents' in the callout. The 'en Español' link in the navigation bar is labeled 'Spanish' in the callout. The 'Sign in to Fall 2025/Spring 2026' button is labeled 'High school seniors should apply for 2025-26'. The 'Check Participating Schools and Scholarships' section is labeled 'List of colleges that require the Profile'. The 'Learn How to Apply' section is labeled 'Profile tips'.

High school seniors should apply for 2025-26

List of colleges that require the Profile

Profile tips

Spanish

Info for noncustodial parents

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Wednesday, December 4, 2024
12:00 PM



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