

2025-2026 Non-Federal Aid Application

If you are a U.S. citizen or non-citizen who is eligible to receive Federal Student Aid, you should **not** complete this application. Instead, you should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov.

The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions use the College Boards CSS Profile to determine need for state need-based aid. By completing this application, NS Student Financial Services will be able to determine your need for certain Nevada State University grants, work-study, and state grants. The information you report on the application is subject to review and you may be asked to submit documents to support your responses.

A. Citizenship Status—Check the box pertaining to your situation:

- ☐ I am a U.S. citizen or a non-citizen eligible to receive Federal Student Aid.
- ✓ **Do not** continue with this form!
 - ✓ Go to studentaid.gov and complete the FAFSA.
- ☐ I am not a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and **will not** complete the FAFSA.
- ✓ Continue to <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

B. CSS Profile Application

The CSS Profile, an application *similar* to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is managed and maintained by [College Board](https://collegeboard.org). Your data will be forwarded to Nevada State University and will be viewed by NS Student Financial Services staff.

What you will need to do:

1. The application is lengthy, **we suggest allowing at least an hour to complete the application.**
2. Gather your income tax information for 2023.
3. If you do not meet one of the [federal criteria for independent status](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/federal-criteria-for-independent-status), your parents will also need to provide their 2023 income tax information.
4. Go to <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
5. Sign into your College Board account to complete the 2025-26 CSS Application.
 - a. New users will be prompted to create a College Board account.
6. Make sure to include Nevada State University (4572) in the list of schools you want your information sent to.
7. **If you are at the end of the application and you are asked to make a payment, STOP and save your application!**
 - a. Contact finaid@nevadastate.edu to request a fee waiver for the CSS Application so you can complete the application at no cost to you.
8. If additional documentation is required your MY NevadaState Student Center To-Do List will be updated, so be sure to check your Student Center often.

C. TIPS for Completing the CSS Profile

1. If you require assistance completing the CSS Profile, visit <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/contact-us>, make a [virtual appointment](#), or contact us at finaid@nevadastate.edu.

Citizenship	
Country of Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select your country of birth
Visa Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select “Other”

Income	This will be the longest portion of the application
Parent Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 2023 income. Business income at a loss, please enter zero. <p>You will be asked for <i>other</i> years’ income information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 – enter zeroes 2024 – enter zeroes 2025 – projected future earnings, enter zeroes
Student Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 2023 income. Business income at a loss, please enter zero. <p>You will be asked for <i>other</i> years’ income information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 – enter zeroes 2024 – enter zeroes 2025 – projected future earnings, enter zeroes

Other Application Components	
Home Owned & Rental Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may be asked additional questions regarding home ownership and rental properties. Enter the year in which the home was bought. For the worth, debt owed, please enter zeroes. Rental Property (other than primary home), please enter “no”

Post Submission	You’ve submitted the CSS Profile application, what is next?
Additional documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSS Profile may suggest submitting documents to Nevada State; however, we will contact you if we need any additional information
Processing Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarding may begin in mid-June