

## 2026-2027 Non-Federal Aid Application

The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions use the College Board's CSS Profile, an online financial aid application managed by College Board, to evaluate eligibility for state and institutional financial aid only.

By completing CSS Profile, the NS Office of Financial Aid will be able to determine your eligibility for certain NS and state grants in addition to **non-federal** work-study. The information you report on the application is subject to review and you may be asked to submit *additional* documentation to support your responses.

### A. Student Aid Eligibility — Select one option:

- I am eligible to apply for Federal Student Aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and I want to be considered for **federal, state, and institutional** financial aid.
- ✓ **Do not** continue with this form!
  - ✓ Go to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and complete the FAFSA.
  - ✓ Dependent students whose parent(s) will not provide information for the FAFSA should contact us for options.
- I am not eligible to apply for Federal Student Aid using FAFSA and I want to be considered for **state and institutional** financial aid only.
- ✓ **Note:** state and institutional aid have limited funding and are not guaranteed
  - ✓ Continue to <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

### B. CSS Profile Application

The CSS Profile application is managed and maintained by [College Board](#). Your application data will be forwarded to Nevada State University and will be reviewed by NS Student Financial Services staff.

#### What you will need to do:

1. **Set plenty of time to complete the application (minimum 45 minutes).**
2. Gather your income tax information for **2024**.
3. If you do not meet one of the [federal criteria for independent status](#), your **parents** will also need to provide their **2024** income tax information.
4. Go to <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
5. Sign into your College Board account to complete the **2026-27 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](mailto: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](mailto:finaid@nevadastate.edu).

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

<b>Income</b>	This will be the longest portion of the application
Parent Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Use 2024 income.</b></li> <li>• Business income at a loss, please enter zero.</li> </ul> <p><b>You will be asked for <i>other</i> years’ income information.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 – enter zeroes</li> <li>• 2025 – enter zeroes</li> <li>• 2026 – projected future earnings, enter zeroes</li> </ul>
Student Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Use 2024 income.</b></li> <li>• Business income at a loss, please enter zero.</li> </ul> <p><b>You will be asked for <i>other</i> years’ income information.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 – enter zeroes</li> <li>• 2025 – enter zeroes</li> <li>• 2026 – projected future earnings, enter zeroes</li> </ul>

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

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