

2026-2027 Family Resource Clarification Form

This form is required for students who mistakenly identified themselves as independent on the CSS Profile and are unable to update their information to include parent details. If you have questions, contact us at financialaid@case.edu or 216-368-4530.

First Year and Transfer Applicants: Submit this form via the admission portal checklist - <https://go.case.edu/apply/status>

Current CWRU Students: Submit this form via your My Financial Aid portal - <https://case.edu/financialaid/myfinancialaid>

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	SIS/PeopleSoft Student ID	Date of Birth
Parent 1's Last Name	Parent 1's First Name	Current Marital Status	Married to Parent 2? (Y/N)
Parent 2's Last Name (if applicable)	Parent 2's First Name (if applicable)	Current Marital Status	Married to Parent 1? (Y/N)

Dependency status on the CSS Profile is determined by answers to questions about homelessness, veteran status, legal dependents, marital status, and related topics—many of which align with FAFSA categories.

If you believe you should be considered independent despite your CSS Profile responses, you should instead submit an appeal through our Unusual Circumstances site: <https://go.case.edu/register/FA-Eval-Unusual>

Submitting an appeal does not guarantee a change. All decisions are reviewed individually. Because the FAFSA and CSS Profile use slightly different criteria, it's possible to be considered dependent on one and independent on the other.

If you haven't yet attempted a correction, please get in touch with the College Board for assistance at:

- U.S. and Canada: 844-202-0524
- International: 212-299-0096

A. Who are the people in the student's family?		
List all members of your household, including the parents, siblings, and any other dependents whom you will provide more than 50% support between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027. Other dependents must live with you now, and you will continue to provide more than 50% of their support between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.		
Name (attach a separate sheet if more space is required)	Age	Relationship to the student
The student		Self
		Parent #1
		Parent #2 (if applicable)

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B. Who from Section A will be a college student between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027?
 Do not include parents or family members who are enrolled in U.S. military service academies. You may include other people only if they will be enrolled at least half-time during the 2026-2027 school year in a U.S. program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

Name	College/University Name	Full-Time / Half-Time	Year in School
The student	Case Western Reserve University		

C. Which federal benefits have anyone in Section A received during 2024 or 2025? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Free or Reduced Lunch (due to your income)	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Housing Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Earned Income Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance Subsidy	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid
No one in my household received these benefits in 2024 or 2025		

D. How much did you earn in 2024 and were taxes filed in ANY country?

Answer this section even if you did not file a tax return. You can find the required information on your W-2 form or on your federal tax return: Form 1040 (line 1) + Schedule 1 (lines 3 and 6) + Schedule K-1 (Box 14, Code A). If any of these amounts are negative, do not include them in your total.

	Student	Parent #1	Parent #2 (if applicable)
Amount			
Were taxes filed			
Tax Amount Paid			

E. How much untaxed income did you receive in 2024?

Report untaxed income such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, and the untaxed portion of health savings accounts. For HSAs, see IRS Form 1040, Schedule 1, line 13. Foreign income should be reported in its own line.

	Student	Parent #1	Parent #2 (if applicable)
Amount			
Foreign Income			

F. How much of your 2024 taxable income was from taxable college grants and scholarships?

You reported taxable college grant and scholarship aid as income on your forms, which includes AmeriCorps benefits (such as awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments) and taxable portions of any fellowships and assistantships you received.

	Student	Parent #1	Parent #2 (if applicable)
Amount			

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G. How much child support did you pay in 2024?

Person who received the payment	Child the payment was made for	Age of the child	Amount

H. How much child support did you receive in 2024?

Person who made the payment	Person who received the payment	Child the payment was received for	Age of the child	Amount

I. What is the value of your assets?

Provide info as of the date the FAFSA was filed	Student	Parent(s)
Net worth of investments (such as stocks, bonds, CDs, etc)		
529 college savings plan for the student		
529 college savings plan for the student's siblings		
Total cash, savings, and checking account balances		
Value of your primary home		
Debt on your primary home		
Purchase price of your primary home		
Year in which the primary home was bought		
Value of other properties		
Debt on other properties		
Value of businesses and/or investment firms		
Debt on businesses and/or investment firms		

I confirm that all information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false or misleading information on this form may result in a change or loss of financial aid. ***I also understand that electronic signatures are not accepted.***

Student's Signature	Date
Parent's signature (only one signature is required)	Date