CA 201 – CSS PROFILE – *Fact Sheet*

What is CSS Profile?

- **CSS is an acronym for *C*ollege *S*cholarship *S*ervice Profile.**
- College Board online financial aid application used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid.

Will ES provide assistance for CSS Profile completion?

- Yes. During the November Workshop, ES staff and financial aid professionals will be on hand to assist, or work with your pod leader or Ms. Summer during office hours.
- This Fact Sheet along with other information from CSS Profile will be posted to Scholar Resources on the ES website.

How will I know if I need to complete the CSS PROFILE?

- Some colleges require the CSS and some do not. Refer to the list of Participating Institutions and Programs to see if the colleges to which you are applying require you to complete the CSS Profile.

When should I file CSS Profile?

- The deadline to submit these forms varies college to college. It is necessary to check each college's website or financial aid office to know the final deadline for each. Missing these deadlines may seriously impact your eligibility for financial aid. Especially if you are submitting applications for Nov 1st, 15th or Dec 1st deadlines, and those colleges require CSS, you may need to submit your CSS in advance of the November workshop.

What can I do in advance of the November workshop?

- Create an online College Board account if you do not already have one. (If you have registered for or taken AP exams or the SAT, then you have a College Board account.)
- Collect the following financial documents that will be needed to complete your CSS Profile:
    - Completed 2016 tax returns.
    - W-2 forms and other records of current year income.
    - Records of untaxed income and benefits for the current and previous tax years.
    - Current bank statements.
    - Records of savings, stocks, bonds, trusts etc.

My parents are divorced. Does that change my application?

- You may be required to submit a Noncustodial PROFILE (NCP). If your parents are divorced or separated and your college or program requires it, your Registration Confirmation or Acknowledgement will contain information you will need to provide to your noncustodial parent so he or she can complete the NCP.
  NOTE: You will be given an opportunity at that time to have the College Board notify your noncustodial parent directly via email. Please have your parent's email address available at that time, as this is your only opportunity to have the College Board notify your parent on your behalf.

Is CSS Profile free?

- No, it cost $25 to file and send to one college and $16 for every college after the first, but you may qualify for fee waivers Fee waivers may be granted to domestic students who are first-time college applicants and who have used a SAT fee waiver or have an income of $45,000 or less. This waiver covers the application fee and the reporting fees for up to eight colleges.