

FSA ID

YOUR KEY TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID



What is an FSA ID?	The FSA ID is a username and password you set up to get access to Federal Student Aid's online systems. Your FSA ID can serve as your legal signature.
Who needs an FSA ID?	Both students and parents are required to have an FSA ID in order to apply for federal student aid. Members of the same family must use different email addresses during the registration process.
What if I already have a four-digit PIN?	The FSA ID is replacing the PIN number parents and students formerly used to electronically sign federal student aid documents. During the registration process for the FSA ID, you will be able to link your FSA ID to your PIN number.
Can someone apply for an FSA ID for me?	Students and parents must each apply for their own FSA ID. Federal regulations prevent anyone from doing this process on your behalf. Please make sure to store your username and password in a safe, secure place.
How long does it take to get an FSA ID?	The registration setup only takes about 5 minutes. You will be able to use your FSA ID right away to electronically sign the FAFSA. It will take the Social Security Administration an additional one to three days to verify your information. Once this has been completed, you can use your FSA ID to access Federal Student Aid sites including fafsa.gov , studentloans.gov , nslds.ed.gov , studentaid.gov , and teach-ats.ed.gov .

To register for an FSA ID:

1. Go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov>
2. Enter your email address and create a username and password.
3. Input your name, date of birth, social security number and contact information.
4. You will also need to create challenge questions in case you forget/lose your password. To do so, you must enter both a question and answer. For example, you may choose to ask the question, "What was your first pet's name?" or "Who was your favorite grade school teacher?" Make sure your answer is memorable!
5. If you already have a Federal Student Aid PIN, you can link it to your FSA ID by entering it during the registration process.
6. Before submitting, make sure to carefully review your information and accept the terms and conditions.
7. Upon submission, you will need to confirm your email address. Visit your email account and follow the instructions in the email to confirm your email address.

If you have technical problems with the process, you can call the FAFSA help center at 1-800-433-3243.



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