

FAFSA POINTERS

Every student and parent need to make a FSA ID before they can even begin working on completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The application opens on October 1st. It is important to get this done in order to be eligible for certain scholarships and financial aid.

Please follow the steps below to get your FSA ID set up.

1. Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
2. Look on the top row for the FSA ID and click on the picture:



3. You will then click on "Create Your FSA ID Now":

If you want to create an FSA ID now, go for it!

[Create Your FSA ID Now](#)

[Update your FSA ID account](#)

4. Follow the directions for creating a FSA ID. You and at least one parent must each create a FSA ID. This will allow you to begin your application and sign it electronically at the end.
5. You will then be able to begin the process of filing your 2018-19 FAFSA using your 2016 income tax returns. You will be able to upload your return directly from the IRS if the data retrieval tool is working. If not, you will enter the information by hand from your income tax return.