

CREATING AN FSA ID

Federal Student Aid ID

WHAT IS AN FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username and password combination you use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems. The FSA ID is your legal signature and shouldn't be created or used by anyone other than you—not even your parent, your child, a school official, or a loan company representative. You'll use your FSA ID every year you fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form and for the lifetime of your federal student loans.

HOW DO I GET AN FSA ID?

Visit [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch) to create an FSA ID. You'll need your Social Security number, full name, and date of birth. You'll also need to create a memorable username and password, and complete challenge questions and answers so you can retrieve your account information if you forget it. You'll be required to provide your email address and can use your mobile phone number when you make your FSA ID. Providing an email address or mobile number that you have access to will make it easier to log in to ED online systems and allow additional account recovery options.

Important: A Social Security number, email address, and mobile phone number can only be associated with one FSA ID. If you share an email address with someone else, then only one of you will be able to use that email address to create an FSA ID.

CREATE AN FSA ID:

[StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch)

USING THE FSA ID

Learn about how you can use your FSA ID at [StudentAid.Gov](https://studentaid.gov)

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION

Learn about the new changes to the 24-25 FAFSA and FAFSA Simplification
<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/article/fafsa-simplification-act>

FSA ID TIPS

- All Contributors to the FAFSA application will need to create an FSA ID. It can take 1-3 days for the FSA ID to be verified so plan ahead.
- If any Contributors, like a parent, need to provide their information on the FAFSA® form, they will need an FSA ID. Your parent can create an FSA ID to provide consent to the automatic Federal Tax Information transfer and then sign the FAFSA form electronically. Not sure whether you'll need to put your parents' information on the FAFSA form? Check out [StudentAid.gov/dependency](https://studentaid.gov/dependency).
Remember: You should create your own FSA ID, and your parent should create his or her own FSA ID. Parents without Social Security Numbers will also need and be able to create an FSA ID starting December 2023.
- When you first create your FSA ID, the use will be restricted to logging in to start an original (first-time) FAFSA form. You'll have to wait one to three days for your information to be confirmed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) before you can use your FSA ID for other actions, such as Consenting to Federal Tax Information transfer or signing a Master Promissory Note. You'll receive an email letting you know that your information was successfully matched with the SSA, and you can begin using your FSA ID.
- If you forget your FSA ID username or password, look for the "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password" links on log-in pages. These links will direct you to web pages where you can request a secure code to be texted to your verified mobile phone number or emailed to your verified email address. The secure code will allow you to retrieve your username or reset your password. You can also retrieve your username or reset your password by successfully answering your challenge questions.
Remember: If you verified your email address or mobile phone number during account creation, you can enter your email address or mobile phone number instead of your username to log in.