



FSA ID

Federal Student Aid IDs are required for students to electronically sign the FAFSA.

1 Create your StudentAid.gov Account at least one week prior to starting the FAFSA. Go to studentaid.gov/fsa-id/ and click 'Create an Account' then 'Get Started.'

2 Enter your name, date of birth (DOB), and Social Security Number (SSN). It is critical that your personal information matches exactly what is on your SSN card. If you do not have an SSN, leave that field empty and check the box confirming you do not have an SSN but do meet the criteria to create a StudentAid.gov Account.

3 Create a unique username and create a secure password that does not include any personal information (such as your name or DOB). You will be asked to enter an email address that you have access to and can verify. Note - An email address can only be associated with one StudentAid.gov Account; the student and any applicable contributor(s) cannot use the same email address.

4 If you do not have an SSN, you must enter your permanent mailing address. You will then be asked to confirm your communication preferences by indicating how you want to receive information.

5 Set up challenge questions and answers to help you retrieve your username or password and/or unlock your account in the future if necessary.

6 Confirm and verify the information provided. This includes verifying your email address via a one-time code. If you do not have an SSN, you will also be required to answer several knowledge-based identity questions related to your personal history to confirm your identity. All account holders will then have the option to enable two-step verification going forward.

Parents without a social security number will still need to create an FSA ID.

* Contributor: Any individual required to provide signature and consent on the FAFSA® form, including the student; the student's spouse; a biological or adoptive parent; or the parent's spouse (stepparent).