How To Create a StudentAid.gov Account

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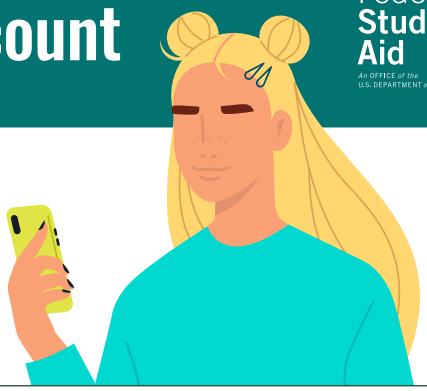


A StudentAid.gov account serves as your legal, digital signature and gives you access to applications and tools on StudentAid.gov. Create your account today at StudentAid.gov/create-account.

What You Need

- Your Social Security card (or the information listed on it)
- Your email address
- Your mobile phone number
- Your mailing address

Follow These Steps

1 Enter Your Email Address

To get started, enter and verify your email address. You should use an email address you'll continue to have access to in the future and that isn't used by another StudentAid.gov account.

2 Provide Your Personal Information

You'll enter your full name, date of birth, and Social Security number. Enter your legal name exactly as it appears on your Social Security card (including any suffixes); don't use a nickname.

3 Enter Your Mobile Phone Number

After verifying it, your phone number will serve as a two-step verification option. You can also opt in to receive text notifications from Federal Student Aid.

4 Provide a Mailing Address

If you don't have a permanent address, you should provide an address where you reliably receive mail.

5 Create a Username and Password

You'll use your username (or email address) and password to log in to your account. Save or write down this information somewhere you'll remember.

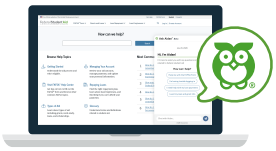
6 Review Two-Step Verification & Backup Code

Two-step verification (entering a secure code each time you log in) safeguards your account. You can use your email address, mobile phone number, authenticator app, or security key. Save your backup code, which you can use if you lose access to your other verification methods.

Important Tips

- Your StudentAid.gov account can't be shared with other people.
- Once you create your account, you can begin using it immediately.
- Always keep your username and password safe; don't share them with anyone.
- You can recover your account (if needed), but you can't create a new account if you forget your log-in information.

Need More Help?



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