

Creating a Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID)

What you need to know...

What is a Federal Student Aid (FSA) Account?

An FSA Account commonly referred to as an FSA ID, is a username and password that you will use to log into certain U.S. Department of Education websites, and serves as your legal signature when signing the FAFSA

Do I Need to an FSA Account?

To receive federal student aid, you will need to create an FSA Account. You AND any parent electronically signing the FAFSA will need their own separate FSA Account.

When should I create an FSA Account?

We recommend you obtain your FSA ID at least 3 days BEFORE filing the FAFSA or attending a FAFSA Completion Event.

What do I need to create an account?

You will need your own mobile phone number and/or email address and internet access

Creating Your Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID) in 8 Easy Steps

**Before you start**

Make sure you have access to your personal email account or mobile phone while setting up the account

1

VISIT [STUDENTAID.GOV/FSA-ID](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id) AND CLICK “CREATE AN ACCOUNT,” THEN CLICK “GET STARTED.”



2

ENTER YOUR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD.

Note: A Social Security number, email address, and mobile phone number can only be associated with one Federal Student Aid Account.

3

ENTER YOUR USERNAME, EMAIL, AND PASSWORD.



4

ENTER YOUR OPTIONAL MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.

You may also set up Mobile Phone Account Recovery if you provided a mobile phone number, allowing you to unlock your account from your mobile device.



5

CONFIRM YOUR COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE PREFERENCES.

6

SELECT FOUR REQUIRED UNIQUE, CHALLENGE QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE ANSWERS.

7

CONFIRM AND VERIFY YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE ACCOUNT TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

8

VERIFY YOUR ACCOUNT VIA THE EMAIL OR MOBILE PHONE NUMBER YOU PREVIOUSLY ENTERED.



I created my FSA Account, now what?

You should allow up to 3 days for the Social Security Administration to verify your information. Once you receive an email you will be able to start FAFSA, make changes to an existing FAFSA, and log in to U.S. Department of Education websites.



Never share your username and password with anyone, not even with someone helping you fill out your FAFSA.

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?
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