

FSA ID – Your Key to Financial Aid

To create your Federal Student Aid account, visit studentaid.gov/fsa-id



What will you need to create an FSA ID? (one for the students and one for each applicable parent)

1. **Name:** Provide your full legal name, as it appears on your Social Security card.
2. **Date of Birth**
3. **Social Security Number:** Required for those with an SSN; not required for parents without one.
4. **Email:** Must be a verified, non-school email (you'll need an email you will use throughout college).
5. **Mobile Phone:** Optional but recommended for login, account recovery, and enhanced security.
6. **Authenticator App:** Optional but recommended for login, account recovery, and enhanced security.
7. **Physical Address:** Your current residential address.

Who NEEDS to create an FSA ID?

- ✓ **Students** seeking financial aid
- ✓ **Biological or adoptive parents of dependent students** (with or without a Social Security Numbers)
If parents are divorced or separated, only the parent who provides the majority of financial support to the student will need an FSA ID. If that parent is remarried, the stepparent may need one, too.
- ✓ **Student's spouse**, if applicable

Who should NOT create an FSA ID?

- × **Parents who already have an FSA ID**
(you cannot create a new one)
- × **Students without a Social Security Number**
You will not be able to file the FAFSA. Please consult a school counselor or college adviser for alternative ways to pay for college, scholarship opportunities, and HB 144.
- × **Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians**
- × **Siblings (brothers or sisters)**
- × **Aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.**

How do I know if my parent(s) need to create an FSA ID? What if my parents aren't a part of my life?

If the student can answer YES to any of the following questions, they will NOT need parental FSA ID(s)

- Will you be 24 years of age or older as of Jan 2024? OR are you married (but not separated or divorced)?
- Do you have a child or another dependent for whom you provide the majority of financial support?
- Do you have a court-ordered legal guardian who is not your biological or adoptive parent?
- Were you in foster care at any point after age 13? OR were you a ward of the court at any point after age 13?
- Are/were you a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court? OR are you homeless or at risk of being homeless?
- Are your parents currently incarcerated? OR have been deceased since you turned 13?
- Are you currently on active duty? OR are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?
- Do you have an unusual circumstance that prevents you from contacting your parent(s)?

Important Warning

- The FSA ID website times out if you're inactive for a short period. You must complete the setup in one session or start over.

Experiencing Issues?

Already Have an Account and Can't Log In?

- If you have trouble or can't access your account, call Federal Student Aid at 1-800-433-3243.

Finished?

- Don't forget to save your backup code!
- Processing your identity may take 1-3 business days. During this time, you won't be able to transfer IRS tax information to the FAFSA form.

Cut out and keep in your wallet/phone and/or take a picture for when you file the FAFSA annually

FSA ID Account Info Card

Username: _____

Password: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Authenticator App: _____

Challenge Q&A - 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Backup Code: _____