

StudentAid.Gov Account Setup

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



What's needed to create a StudentAid.Gov account?

Account usernames and passwords are required for the student and each parent.

Name: Full legal name as it appears on your Social Security card.

Date of Birth

Social Security Number: Required for those with an SSN. Not required for parents without one.

Email: Must be verified. Use a non-school email. Students will need access to this email throughout college.

Mobile Phone/Authenticator App: Optional to download but can be used for login, account recovery, and enhanced security.

Who NEEDS to create a StudentAid.Gov account?

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

Who should NOT create a StudentAid.Gov account?

- × **Parents who already have a StudentAid.Gov account** (parents cannot create a new one).
- × **Students without a Social Security Number.** *Cannot file the FAFSA. Please consult a school counselor or college adviser for alternative ways to pay for college, scholarship opportunities, and info on HB 144.*
- × **Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians**
- × **Siblings**
- × **Aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.**

How do I know if my parents need to create an account? What if my parents aren't a part of my life?

If students can answer YES to any of the following questions, they do NOT need parental accounts.

- Will you be 24 years of age or older as of Jan 2025, OR are you married but not separated or divorced?
- Do you have a child or another dependent to whom you provide the majority of financial support?
- Are you currently on active duty, OR are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- At any time since you turned 13, were you an orphan, in foster care, or a ward of the court?
- Are or were you ever a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court?
- Do you have a court-ordered legal guardian who is not your biological or adoptive parent?
- Are you unaccompanied AND either homeless OR self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- Do you have an unusual circumstance that prevents you from contacting your parent(s)? Ask for more details.

Important Warning

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

Experiencing issues or already have an account and can't log in?

If you have trouble accessing your account or need assistance, call Federal Student Aid at 1-800-433-3243.

Finished?

Don't forget to save your backup code!

With newly implemented instant identity verification, you can go straight into completing the FAFSA.

It is still recommended that students & contributors create an account early to ensure all information is available.

Keep your account information handy for the FAFSA each year. Take a picture or keep it in your wallet.

StudentAid.Gov account info

Username: _____
Password: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Authenticator App: _____
Challenge Q&A – 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
Backup Code: _____