

Creating and Using Your FSA ID: An Overview

What is the FSA ID?

- The FSA ID is a username and password used by students, parents, and borrowers to log in to U.S. Department of Education online systems and to electronically sign documents.
- You use it to
 - apply for federal student aid at fafsa.gov;
 - access the myStudentAid mobile app;
 - sign for a federal student loan; and
 - perform important activities such as choosing a repayment plan or applying for a deferment on your federal student loan.

Do parents need FSA IDs?

- If you're a dependent student, then your parent will need an FSA ID in order to sign your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form electronically.
- Not sure if you're considered a dependent student for FAFSA purposes? Go to [StudentAid.gov/dependency](https://studentaid.gov/dependency) to find out.

IMPORTANT

- You and your parent must have different FSA IDs.
- You must create your own FSA ID—it's your electronic signature and you need to own it.
- Your parent must create his or her own FSA ID.
- You and your parent should each use your own email address and mobile phone number when creating an FSA ID (**NOTE:** A mobile phone or an email address can be associated with only one FSA ID).

How do you create your FSA ID?

Getting Started

- Go to StudentAid.gov/fsaid.
- Select the “Create Your FSA ID Now” button.

The screenshot shows the StudentAid.gov website interface. At the top, there are language options for ENGLISH and ESPAÑOL, and a LOG IN button. The main header features the Federal Student Aid logo, the text "An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION", and the "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND" logo. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a navigation menu with several dropdown menus: "Prepare for College", "Types of Aid", "Who Gets Aid", "FAFSA®: Apply for Aid", and "How to Repay Your Loans". The main content area displays a breadcrumb trail: "Home » FAFSA®: Apply for Aid » Filling Out the FAFSA® Form » The FSA ID". A text box explains that the FSA ID is the username and password used on federal student aid websites. Below this, a section states that students, parents, and borrowers are required to use an FSA ID. A prominent call-to-action banner at the bottom of the page reads "If you want to create an FSA ID now, go for it!" and features a button labeled "Create Your FSA ID Now" which is circled in red. Below the button is a link to "Update your FSA ID account". On the right side, there is a "Quick Links" section with two links: "Filling Out the FAFSA® Form" and "Dependency Status".

Create Your FSA ID

Username:

- Don't include personal info such as date of birth or name.
- If you see a message "The username you entered is already in use," then someone has already used that username.

Password:

- Your password must be between 8 and 30 characters in length, and it must contain at least one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, and one number.
- Your password is case-sensitive.

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Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID is a username and password that gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

Important: When you are done, select the browser window or going to another website until the session expires.

For username I normally recommend you use your email address. This way you are not having to remember an additional username (just leave out the @gmail or @yahoo)

You can select "Show Text" to see what you're typing.

Create an FSA ID | Manage My FSA ID

Create your FSA ID username and password below.

Username

Password Show Text

Confirm Password

CONTINUE >

Provide Personal Identification Information

- Make sure your Social Security number (SSN), date of birth, and name match what's on your Social Security card.
- You must have an SSN to create an FSA ID.

Personal Identification Information

To apply for an FSA ID, enter your information below and select CONTINUE.

I understand that I will be required to certify that the information that I provide to obtain an FSA ID is true and correct and that I am the individual who I claim to be. If I am not that person who I claim to be, I understand that I am not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I may be fined, sent to prison for not more than five years, or both.

1 Personal Information 2 Contact Information 3 Challenge Questions 4 Confirm and Verify 5 Complete

Enter your name, date of birth, and social security number exactly as they appear on your Social Security card.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Social Security Number - -

Provide Profile Information

The screenshot shows a registration form with five steps: 1. Personal Information, 2. Contact Information, 3. Challenge Questions, 4. Confirm and Verify, and 5. Complete. The current step is 'Contact Information'. The form includes fields for Email, Confirm Email, Mobile Phone, Confirm Mobile Phone, Alternate Phone, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code, and Language Preference. A checkbox is checked for 'I would like to use my phone to receive one-time secure codes if I forget my username or password. I have read and agree to the Terms and Privacy Policy. Message and data rates may apply.' A green callout box points to this checkbox with the text: 'You can register your mobile phone number for account recovery.' The 'PREVIOUS' and 'CONTINUE' buttons are at the bottom.

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Email: [redacted]@ed.gov

Confirm Email: [redacted]@ed.gov

Mobile Phone: (925) [redacted]

Confirm Mobile Phone: (925) [redacted]

I would like to use my phone to receive one-time secure codes if I forget my username or password. I have read and agree to the [Terms](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). Message and data rates may apply.

Alternate Phone: [redacted]

Mailing Address: 10 N State St

City, State, Zip Code: Chicago IL 60606

Language Preference: English Español

PREVIOUS CONTINUE

- You'll be required to either provide your email address or mobile phone number and opt-in to messaging before you can proceed.
- Make sure your information is correct; any errors could result in a delay or problem in your receiving financial aid (or in the repayment of your federal student loans).

Select Challenge Questions and Answers

- Answering your challenge questions is one way to unlock your account or reset your username and password.
- Select a question from the dropdown menu and then enter your answer.

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Challenge Question 1: What city were you born in?
Answer 1: chicago
Criteria Met: Show Text

Challenge Question 2: What was the name of your first teacher?
Answer 2: ****
Criteria Met: Show Text

Challenge Question 3: In what city did your parents meet?
Answer 3: *****
Criteria Met: Show Text

Challenge Question 4: What was your childhood nickname?
Answer 4: ****
Criteria Met: Show Text

You can select "Show Text" to see what you're typing.

Please select questions that the answer won't ever change.

Ex. The city you were born in, your mother's maiden name, etc.

Review Info and Agree to Terms

Review Your Information and Terms and Conditions

Verify the information you provided for your FSA ID below. Mistakes can cause delays or problems with the disbursement or repayment of financial aid. If there are no errors, then read the Terms and Conditions, check the box to signal you accept them, and select CONTINUE.

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Personal Information

Username:

Password:
Criteria Met Show Text

Confirm Password:

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

- Review and confirm your information.
- If you need to make a correction, use the “Previous” button.
- Review and agree to the terms and conditions for using your FSA ID.

Verify Your Mobile Phone Number

“Mobile Phone Number Verification” Page

Verify Your Mobile Phone Number

You must verify your mobile phone number before you can create an FSA ID. Once your phone number is verified, you can use your mobile phone number to log in and for account recovery. Follow the instructions below to verify your mobile phone number.

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Enter the Secure Code

A six-digit secure code has been sent to the mobile phone number below.

XXX-XXX-4316

Enter the secure code on this page to verify your mobile phone number. It may take a few minutes for the text to arrive. You can request a new secure code using the “Resend Secure Code” link below.

Secure Code 123456

[Resend Secure Code](#)

PREVIOUS VERIFY

FSA: Your FSA ID temporary secure code is 989046

Enter this online to verify your mobile phone number.

- If you provided a mobile phone number, you’ll be taken to the “Mobile Phone Number Verification” page.
- Once you verify your mobile phone number, you can use your mobile phone number to log in to U.S. Department of Education online systems, unlock your account, retrieve your username, or reset your password.
- You also can continue without verifying.

How to Verify Your Mobile Phone Number

- Don’t close the “Mobile Phone Number Verification” page.
- You’ll receive a text message with a secure code.
- The text message will include a six-digit numeric code that you will enter in the “Secure Code” data field.

Text Message With Your Secure Code

Verify Your Email

“Email Verification” Page

Verify Your Email Address

You must verify your email address before you can create an FSA ID. Once your email address is verified, you can use your email address to log in and for account recovery. Follow the instructions below to verify your email address.

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Enter the Secure Code

A six-digit secure code has been sent from FSA-ID@ed.gov to the email address below.

dc****@ed.com

Using a separate browser tab or window, retrieve the secure code from your inbox and enter it on this page.

If it has been more than a few minutes and the email has not yet arrived, check your junk folder. You also can request a new secure code using the “Resend Secure Code” link below.

Secure Code

PREVIOUS VERIFY

Important: Your FSA ID E-mail Validation - Action Required

FSA ID Information <FSA-ID@ed.gov> to me 4:45 PM (3 minutes ago)

Dear Test

Complete the e-mail verification process by entering the following secure code into the Secure Code field on your web page:

386907

Once you have entered the secure code and verified your e-mail address, you will also be able to use your e-mail as your username when logging in to Federal Student Aid applications and websites.

This code is used to verify your e-mail address and is not your FSA ID. The FSA ID is the ID you choose during the registration process.

If you have any questions or need help, visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov> and select Help for more details.

Thank you,

U.S. Department of Education
Federal Student Aid

This mailbox is unattended. Please do not reply to this message.

Email With Your Secure Code


- If you provided an email address, you’ll be taken to the “Email Verification” page.
- Once you verify your email, you can use your email address as your username when logging in to U.S. Department of Education online systems.
- You also can continue without verifying.

How to Verify Your Email

- Don’t close the “Email Verification” page.
- You’ll receive an email with a secure code.
- Log in to your email account using a different tab or browser window or another device.
- Look for an email with the subject line, “Important: Your FSA ID E-mail Validation - Action Required.”
- The email will include a six-digit numeric code that you will enter in the “Secure Code” data field.

Your FSA ID is created!

FSA ID Created



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Your FSA ID has been created. You may immediately use your FSA ID to sign an original (first-time) FAFSA form, but nothing else (not even a Renewal FAFSA form). All other activities require that we match your information with the Social Security Administration (SSA) for verification. If you verified your email address, you'll receive an email once your information is matched with the SSA (one to three days from the date you apply).

Once your name, Social Security number, and date of birth are verified with the SSA, you can then use your FSA ID to access these Federal Student Aid systems:

fafsa.gov:

- Prefill data in this year's FAFSA form if you filed a FAFSA form last year.
- Make online corrections to an existing FAFSA form.
- View or print an online copy of your Student Aid Report.

myStudentAid app:

- Electronically sign your (or your child's) FAFSA form.
- Fill out a FAFSA Renewal.
- Manage your FSA ID.
- View your federal student aid history using the myFederalLoans service.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) site at nslds.ed.gov:

- View a history of any federal student aid that you have received.
- Look up your loan servicer information.

StudentLoans.gov:

- Your FSA ID was created.
- If you provided an email address, you'll receive a confirmation email.


Using Your FSA ID

- You can immediately use your FSA ID to sign an original (first-time) FAFSA form.
- Your info will be sent to the Social Security Administration (SSA) for confirmation.
- SSA review will take 1–3 days.
- Until your info is verified, you won't be able to take certain actions, such as correcting your FAFSA form, submitting a FAFSA Renewal, or signing a *Master Promissory Note*.

Social Security Administration (SSA) Matching

- You should receive an email informing you of the results of the SSA review. If you didn't provide an email when creating your FSA ID, you can check the status by logging in at fsaid.ed.gov using the "Manage My FSA ID" tab.
- If there is an issue, log in at fsaid.ed.gov using the "Manage My FSA ID" tab and review/update your profile info. If your info is correct, you'll need to contact the SSA (to find your local SSA office, call 1-800-772-1213 or go to ssa.gov).

Important: Your Social Security Administration (SSA) Results - Successful Inbox x

 **FSA ID Information** <FSA-ID@ed.gov> 1:01 PM (19 hours ago)
to me ▾

Dear Susan,

Your Social Security Administration (SSA) match was completed and your identifiers have been verified.

You can now use your FSA ID to access any FSA application or website that requires a verified match. Visit StudentAid.gov for more information on the usage of your FSA ID.

If you have any questions or need help, visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov> and select Help for more details.

Thank you,

U.S. Department of Education

Federal Student Aid

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Where can you use your FSA ID?

Using Your FSA ID

Online System	What You Can Do
fafs.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronically sign your (or your child's) FAFSA® form • Prefill data in this year's FAFSA form if you filed a FAFSA form last year (FAFSA Renewal) • Make online corrections to an existing FAFSA form • View or print an online copy of your <i>Student Aid Report (SAR)</i>
myStudentAid app	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronically sign your (or your child's) FAFSA form • Fill out a FAFSA Renewal • Manage your FSA ID • View your federal student aid history using the myFederalLoans service
"My Federal Student Aid" at StudentAid.gov/login or the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) site at nslds.ed.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View a history of any federal student aid that you have received • Look up your loan servicer's contact information
StudentLoans.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete entrance counseling, the <i>Financial Awareness Counseling</i> tool, or exit counseling • Electronically sign a <i>Master Promissory Note</i> • Complete PLUS loan requests • Estimate your student loan payments using the <i>Repayment Estimator</i> • Apply for an income-driven repayment plan or a consolidation loan
Agreement to Serve (ATS) at StudentLoans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign your ATS for the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program