

THE FSA ID

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

What is the FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username and password that you will use to log into certain U.S. Department of Education websites, and electronically sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

Who should create a FSA ID?

Students interested in receiving federal student aid should create a FSA ID. You **AND** any parent electronically signing the FAFSA will need their own separate FSA ID.

When should I create a FSA ID?

Create a FSA ID as soon as possible. Due to processing time, we recommend you apply at least 3 days **BEFORE** filing the FAFSA or attending a FAFSA completion event.

Do I need an email account to create a FSA ID?

Yes. Anyone creating a FSA ID will need their own separate email account.

I already have a Federal PIN. Do I still need to create a FSA ID?

Yes. Your FSA ID will replace your PIN.

HOW TO APPLY



HOW TO CREATE A FSA ID



Before you start

Make sure you have access to your personal email account.

STEP 1 Visit fsaid.ed.gov.

STEP 2 Enter your email, create a username and password, and confirm your age.

STEP 3 Enter your Social Security Number, date of birth and full name.

If you have a Federal PIN from the old system, you will receive a prompt to enter it. A Federal PIN is not required, but it can expedite the application process.

STEP 4 Confirm your personal information.

STEP 5 Enter your security questions and answers for future verification purposes. Select two predetermined questions, two custom questions and a memorable date.

STEP 6 Confirm your security questions. Read and acknowledge the FSA ID terms.

STEP 7 Enter the secure code that was sent to the email address submitted in Step 2. This will allow you to use your email address as your username.

I created my FSA ID, now what?

You can immediately use your FSA ID to sign an original FAFSA. Once the Social Security Administration verifies your information in 1-3 days, or if you have linked your Federal PIN to your FSA ID, you will be able to start a renewal FAFSA, make changes to an existing FAFSA and log in to U.S. Department of Education websites.



Don't give your FSA ID to anyone—not even to someone helping you fill out the FAFSA. Never share your FSA ID!

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid.

