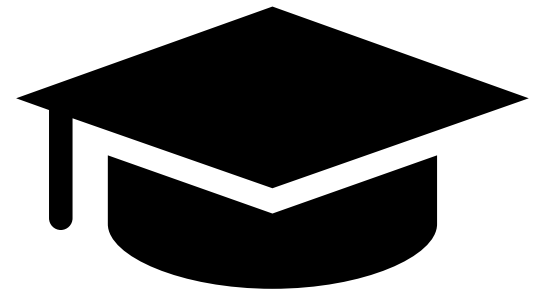


Creating an FSA ID



The 2025-26 FAFSA will launch on December 1st

- Class of 2025 Graduating Seniors
 - High school seniors will complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA Form
 - 2023 Income & Tax info required



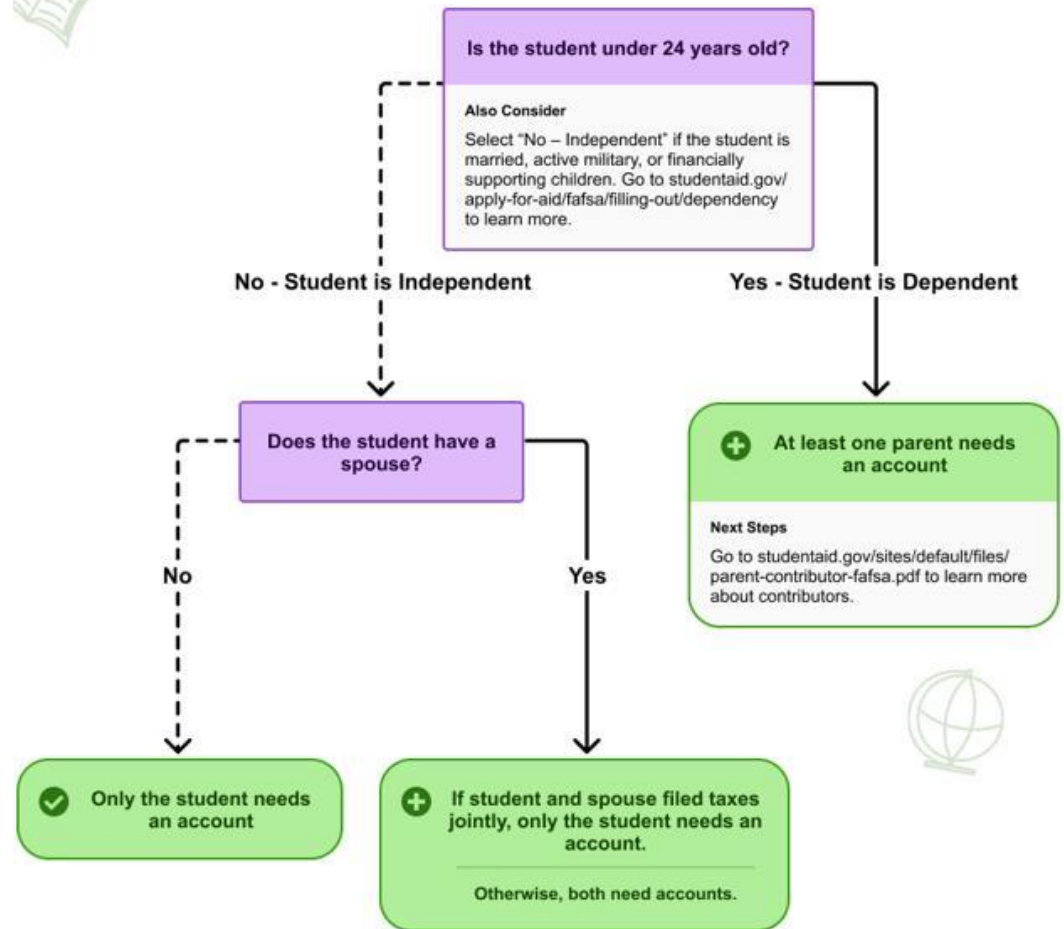
What is the first step to completing the FAFSA?

Step 1: The student will need to create their FSA ID

Step 2: Determine the student's dependency status to see if a parent or spouse contributor needs to create an FSA ID



🔔 Students ALWAYS need a StudentAid.gov account



What is an FSA ID?



THE FSA ID IS A USERNAME AND PASSWORD USED TO LOG IN TO CERTAIN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITES, INCLUDING STUDENTAID.GOV AND FAFSA.GOV



THE FSA ID IS A STUDENT OR PARENT'S LEGAL ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND SHOULDN'T BE CREATED OR USED BY ANYONE ELSE



THE FSA ID WILL BE USED EVERY YEAR TO FILL OUT A FAFSA APPLICATION

FSA ID



**FSA ID = Federal
Student Aid ID**



**Username and
password**



**Student and parent
must each create
their own**



**FSA IDs will be used
every year**


Electronically sign
FAFSA

Complete student
loan paperwork

Login to U.S.
Department of
Education websites

Things to Keep in Mind

Student/Parent Tips

- Choose an e-mail account you can access easily (Gmail, Yahoo, iCloud etc.)
 - **DO NOT** use your high school issued e-mail account
 - If username is already taken, choose another
 - Don't use your name or date of birth in password
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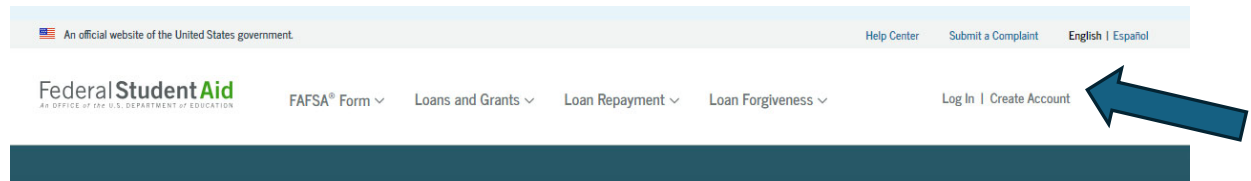
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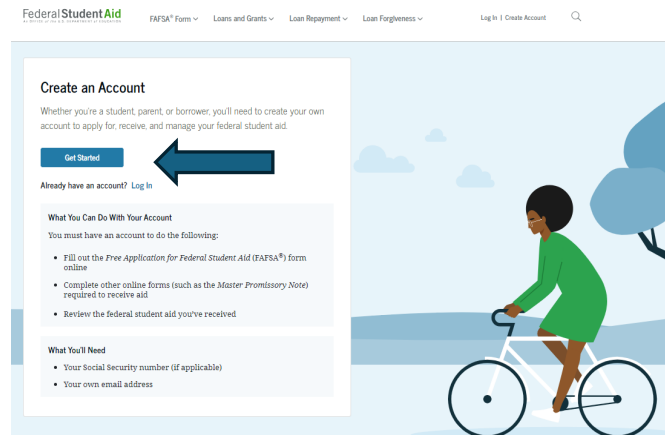
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Step 3:

Click “Get Stated”





Create an Account (FSA ID)



Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

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If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name



Middle Initial



Last Name



Date of Birth

Month Day Year



Social Security Number (SSN)



Note: A user can only have one account associated with his or her Social Security number.

Cancel

Continue

Follow the prompts

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Middle Initial
Last Name
Date of Birth
SSN



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Username

✔ Username is available.

Email Address

📘 Use an email address you will continue to have access to after you leave school.

Confirm Email Address

Password

Show Password

- ✔ Uppercase
- ✔ Lowercase
- ✔ Number
- ✔ 8+ characters

Confirm Password

Show Password

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Type in a
Username of
your Choice

Your Email

Create a
Password

Create an Account (FSA ID)

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Contact Information

Permanent Address

Address

123 Main St

City

Laurel

State

(MD) Maryland

ZIP Code

20723

Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

(202) 111-9482

Confirm Mobile Phone Number

(202) 111-9482

+ Add Alternate Phone Number

Mobile Phone Account Recovery

We strongly recommend setting up mobile phone account recovery. This option is used to help you restore access to your account by sending you a code via text message if you are locked out.

Yes, I would like to use my mobile phone for account recovery.

1 By selecting this option, you agree to receive text messages on your mobile phone and confirm you have reviewed and agree to FSA's [Terms and Conditions](#).

Message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply HELP for help or STOP to opt out.

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Enter your Contact Information

Tip: It is recommended to check the Mobile Phone Account Recovery.

An official website of the United States government

Help Center English | Español

Federal Student Aid

UNDERSTAND AID APPLY FOR AID COMPLETE AID PROCESS MANAGE LOANS Log In | Create Account

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 4 of 7

Communication Preferences

Required Communications

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and its federal student loan servicers will need to send you required communications and documents related to your federal student aid, such as student loan disclosures and interest statements.

I want to receive these communications:

By email *Recommended*

By postal mail

By selecting this option, you agree to receive required communications by email and confirm you have reviewed and agree to FSA's [Terms and Conditions](#).

Informational Communications

ED and its federal student loan servicers want you to feel confident about the financial aid and student loan process. To help with this, we will sometimes send out information about programs you may be eligible for, such as grant programs, student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment plans, and more.

I want to receive these communications:

By email

By text message

Preferred Language

Your choice lets us know how you would like to view website content once logged in, and what to use for your communications.

Language

English

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Communication Preferences

Tip: It is Recommended to mark the “by email” form of communication, since it is faster than postal mail.

Tip: The Preferred Language can be updated to received emails/text from Federal Student Aid in English or Spanish.

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 5 of 7

Challenge Questions

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them or if you need to unlock your account.

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

Challenge Question 1

Question

What was the name of your elementary school?

Answer

***** Show Answer

Challenge Question 2

Question

What was the name of your first teacher?

Answer

***** Show Answer

Challenge Question 3

Question

What is your mother's maiden name?

Answer

**** Show Answer

Challenge Question 4

Question

In what city did your parents meet?

Answer

**** Show Answer

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Challenge Questions


Select your challenges questions from the drop down and provide your answers.

Create an Account (FSA ID)

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Confirm and Verify


Verify the information you provided for your account below. If there is an error, select "Edit" to correct the information.

Personal Information Edit 

NAME
Jane Doe

DATE OF BIRTH
01/01/2001


SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)
***-**-3818

Account Information Edit 

USERNAME
janedoe

EMAIL ADDRESS
janedoe@gmail.com


PASSWORD
xxxxxxxx

Contact Information Edit 

PERMANENT ADDRESS
123 Main St
Laurel, MD 20723

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER
(202) 938-1291

MOBILE PHONE ACCOUNT RECOVERY
Yes

Communication Preferences Edit 

REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS
Email

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
Email, Text

Review, Confirm, Agree to Terms



I agree to FSA's [terms and conditons](#).

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Two- Step Verification

TIP: You must verify both your mobile phone and email, one at a time.

You will receive a code via text or email to verify each one

TIP: The Authenticator App is optional and is NOT required.

Create an Account



Enable Two-Step Verification

Protect Your Account with Two-Step Verification

Whenever you sign in, we'll send a secure code to make sure it's really you. To keep your account protected, make sure your phone number and email are verified. We also suggest setting up verification using a secure authenticator app.



SMS Verification

(602) 840-5600 ⚠ Not Verified

Verify



Email Verification

Bailey2020ki@yahoo.com ⚠ Not Verified

Verify



Use an Authenticator App (Most Secure Option)

Use an authenticator app that you've downloaded from a mobile app store to view in-app secure codes—visible only to you—that can confirm your identity when you log in.

[What is an authenticator app?](#)

[+ Set Up an Authenticator App](#)

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Back Up Code

Tip: Write down or take a picture of your Back up code.

Your back up code is a special code that lets you access your account in the event that you cannot use any other two-step verification method.

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Enable Two-Step Verification: Backup Code



We recommend storing your backup code in a safe place.

Your backup code is a special code that lets you access your account in the event that you cannot use any other two-step verification method.

Your Backup Code Is:

NPE6 III 73EEE

I have stored this backup code somewhere safe.

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All Set!

Check	Check your email:
Receive	You will receive an email confirmation that your FSA ID has been created.
Use	You can use your FSA ID to access the FAFSA when it launches on December 1, 2024.

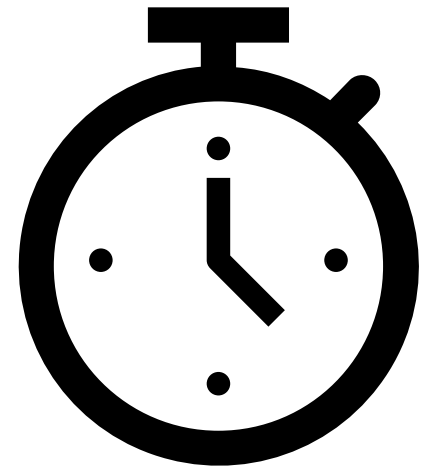
Creating & Using the FSA ID

- Once submitted online, the FSA ID **takes approximately 72 hours to process**

Please Note:

FSA ID should be created and verified (i.e. officially processed and matched) in order to successfully complete the FAFSA

- **Highly Recommended** that students/parents complete FSA ID at least 3 days before your FAFSA event



FSA ID FAQ's

- **Can I edit my FSA ID?**

Yes. If your personal information changes or you would like to update anything on your account, you can make changes by logging in at studentaid.gov and selecting “settings” under your account information.

- **What if I forget my FSA ID username or password?**

You can retrieve your username or reset your password by having a secure code sent to your phone/email. You may also answer your challenge questions, but this options comes with a 30-minute waiting period before you can use your account again

What is next?

- The 2025-26 FAFSA will launch on December 1, 2024
- Go to [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to access and complete the form anytime on or after December 1st.
- You will need your FSA ID to access the FAFSA
- Make sure to have your parent(s) create their own FSA ID.

Creating an FSA ID for Parent without a Social Security Number



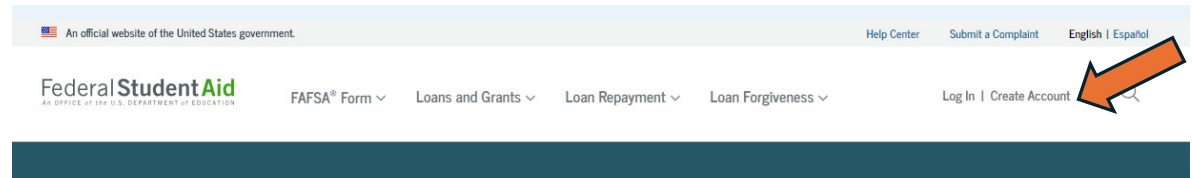
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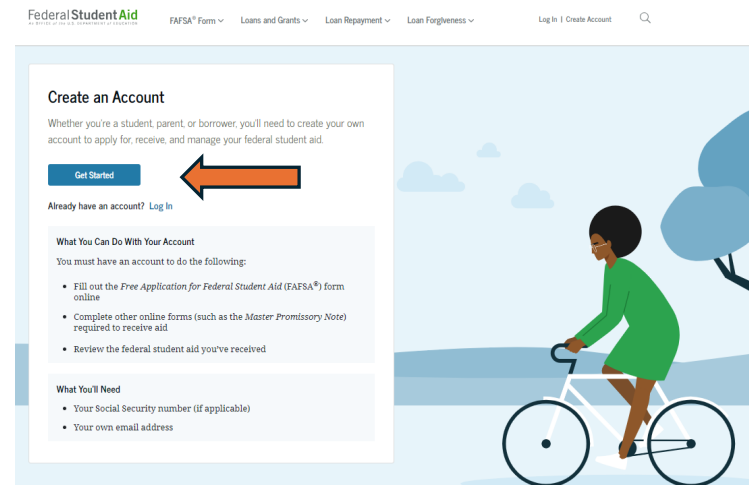
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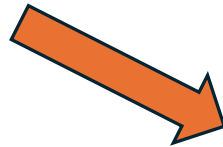


Follow the prompts

First Name
Middle Initial
Last Name
Date of Birth

Click “What if I don’t have a Social Security Number?”

Click on the check box “I do not have a Social Security Number”



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Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

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First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Social Security Number

What if I don't have a Social Security number? ^

If you don't have a Social Security number (SSN) **and** at least one of these two statements describes you, you can check the box below to create an account without an SSN:

- I am a citizen of the Freely Associated States who needs to complete the FAFSA® form online.
- I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid.

I do not have a Social Security number.
I am a citizen of the Freely Associated States and I do not have a Social Security number (SSN); OR I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid and I do not have an SSN.

Cancel Continue

Confirm Your Response



Warning: You must enter an SSN if you have one

If you create an account without a Social Security number (SSN) when you actually have one, you can be prevented from completing or contributing to a FAFSA form. You can also experience delays in verifying your identity and be prevented from contributing to other applications on StudentAid.gov.

You should only continue creating an account without an SSN if you do not have an SSN and one of the following statements is true for you:

- I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid, and I do not have an SSN.
- I am a citizen of the [Freely Associated States](#) and need to complete the FAFSA® form online.

Note: Any previously completed FAFSA forms won't be linked to your new account. You will still be able to access information from 2023–24 FAFSA form if you use your identifiers on the FAFSA roles page.

I have an SSN

I do NOT have an SSN



Create an Account (FSA ID)



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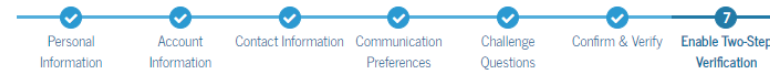
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