

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:
 - login to U.S. Department of Education websites
 - electronically sign documents
- You will use it:
 - **Every year** you apply for federal student aid at fafsa.gov
 - To receive a federal student loan
 - To perform important activities as a federal student loan borrower, such as choosing a repayment plan or applying for a deferment

Does my parent need an FSA ID?

- **If you are a dependent student, then your parent will need an FSA ID in order to sign your FAFSA electronically**
- Not sure if you're considered a dependent student for the FAFSA, go to 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 e-mail address when creating an FSA ID (you can't use/share the same e-mail address)

How do I create an FSA ID?

Getting Started

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

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website. At the top left is the logo for Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, and a note that it is the proud sponsor of the American Mind. A search bar is located at the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories: Prepare for College, Types of Aid, Who Gets Aid, FAFSA: Applying for Aid, and How to Repay Your Loans. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home » FAFSA: Applying for Aid » Filling Out the FAFSA » The FSA ID. Below this is a featured section with a photo of a young woman and the text: 'The FSA ID is your electronic passport to federal student aid online. If you're ready, you can [create an FSA ID now](#).' A central call-to-action box contains the text 'If you want to create an FSA ID now, go for it!' and a green button labeled 'Create an FSA ID Now', which is circled in red. Below the button is the text 'If you'd like more information first, keep on reading...'. To the left of the button is a list of frequently asked questions about FSA IDs. To the right is a 'Quick Links' section with links to 'Filling Out the FAFSA', 'Dependency Status', and 'Leave Us Feedback', and a 'Glossary' section with a link to 'FSA ID'.

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The FSA ID is your electronic passport to federal student aid online.
If you're ready, you can [create an FSA ID now](#).

Students, parents, and borrowers are required to use an **FSA ID**, made up of a username and password, to access certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your **federal student aid** documents.

If you want to create an FSA ID now, go for it!

[Create an FSA ID Now](#)

If you'd like more information first, keep on reading...

- What is an FSA ID?
- What happened to the Federal Student Aid PIN?
- Where can I use my FSA ID?
- When should I get an FSA ID?
- How do I get an FSA ID?
- Do parents need FSA IDs?
- Can I create an FSA ID for my child, parent, or spouse?
- Can I use my new FSA ID right away?
- After I get an FSA ID, will I still be required to use my Federal Student Aid PIN?

Quick Links

- > [Filling Out the FAFSA](#)
- > [Dependency Status](#)
- > [Leave Us Feedback](#)

Glossary

FSA ID

The FSA ID is a username and password combination that serves as a student's or parent's identifier to allow access to personal information in various U.S. Department of Education systems and a...

Create Your FSA ID (Username and password)

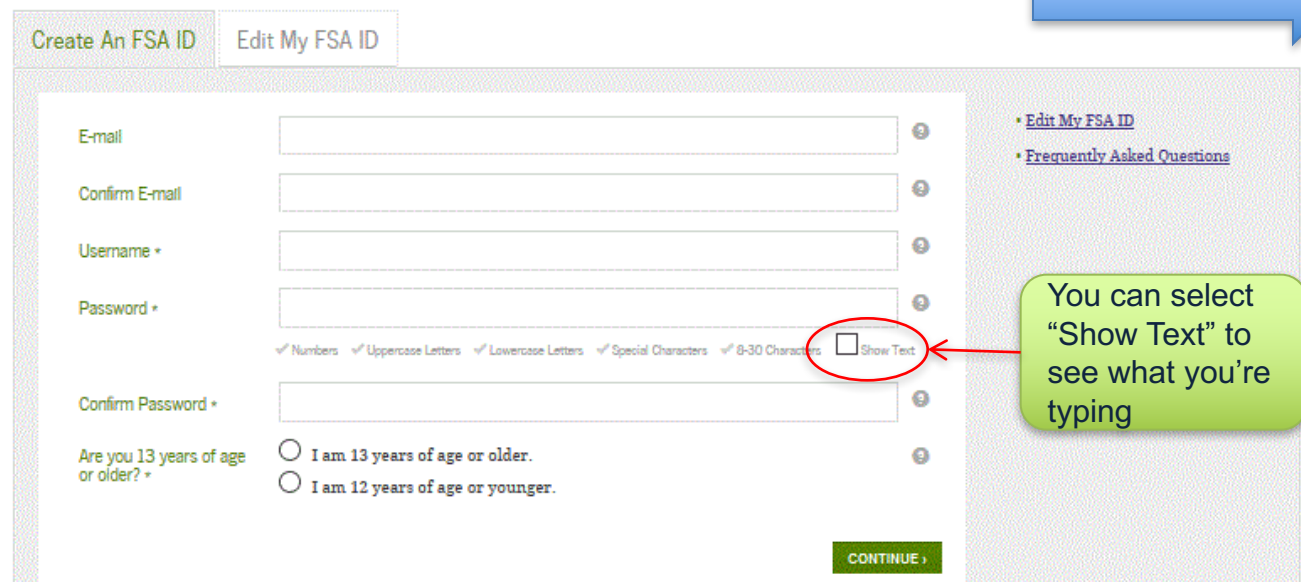
Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID 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. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.



The screenshot shows the 'Create An FSA ID' form. It includes fields for E-mail, Confirm E-mail, Username, Password, and Confirm Password. The Password field has a 'Show Text' checkbox circled in red. A blue arrow points from the right side of the form towards the right margin. A green callout box with a red arrow pointing to the 'Show Text' checkbox contains the text: 'You can select "Show Text" to see what you're typing'. Below the form are radio buttons for age selection and a 'CONTINUE' button.

E-mail:

- Optional but **strongly** recommended
- Each FSA ID must have a **unique** e-mail address (you and your parent cannot use the same e-mail address)
- **Students: Do not use your SJSJ email – you will not have access to it after you graduate.**
- You must have access to this e-mail account

Username:

- Don't include personal info such as date of birth or name
- If you see a message "Username taken, create a different username" then someone has already used that username

Provide Personal Information

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

Personal Identification Information

To apply for an FSA ID, complete the 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.

Identity Profile Review & Confirm Done

Social Security Number * - - Show Text ? * Required

Date of Birth * ?

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name * ?

Provide Profile Information

Profile Information

First, review the information you have provided carefully. Mistakes can cause delays or problems with the disbursement or repayment of financial aid.

Then complete the additional questions below. Select CONTINUE to proceed.



Social Security Number * * Required
... - .. - 5971 ⓘ
 Show Text

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name * testuser1 ⓘ fsatest ⓘ

Date of Birth * 01/01/1980 ⓘ

Username * fsatestuser1 ⓘ

Password * F@stLogin1 ⓘ
✓ Criteria Met Show Text

Confirm Password * F@stLogin1 ⓘ

E-mail testuserfsaid@gmail.com ⓘ

Confirm E-mail testuserfsaid@gmail.com ⓘ

Mailing Address 3950 S Las Vegas Blvd ⓘ

City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas NV 89119 ⓘ

Phone (123) 456-7890 ⓘ

Alternate Phone (321) 654-9870 ⓘ

Language Preference English Español ⓘ

CANCEL

CONTINUE >

- Confirm information you entered previously and provide additional information
- Make sure your information is correct; any errors could result in a delay or problem in your receiving financial aid (or the repayment of your federal student loans)

Select/Create Challenge Questions and Answers

Challenge Questions And Answers

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them and to unlock your account. Provide the challenge questions and answers below and select CONTINUE.



Challenge Question 1 * + Required

Who was your first boss?

Answer 1 *

black cat

Show Text

Challenge Question 2 *

What city were you born in?

Answer 2 *

Las Vegas

Show Text

Challenge Question 3 *

What is your favorite color?

Answer 3 *

blue

Show Text

Challenge Question 4 *

What is your favorite food?

Answer 4 *

pizza

Show Text

Challenge Question 5 (Used to access your information over the phone) *

Type a significant date in your life (MM/DD/YYYY)

Answer 5 *

02/02/1991

Show Text

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

Answering your challenge questions is one way to unlock your account or reset your username and password

Questions 1 and 2:

- Select a question from the dropdown menu & then enter your answer

Questions 3 and 4:

- Make up your own question & enter your answer
- **Make sure the answers will be easy to remember 6 years from now**
- Examples of questions:
 - What's your favorite color?
 - What's your favorite food?

Question 5:

- Enter a significant date
- It can't be your date of birth
- Examples of dates:
 - **Graduation date (05/20/2018)**
 - Sibling or parent birth date

Review Info and Agree to Terms

Review Your Information and Terms & Conditions

Verify the information you provided for your FSA ID below. If there is an error, select PREVIOUS and make the appropriate updates. If there are no errors, then read and agree to the Terms & Conditions and select CONTINUE.

Identity Profile **Review & Confirm** Done

Social Security Number: ***-**-5971 * Required

Username: fsatestuser1

Password: *****

E-mail: testusersaid@gmail.com

Are you 13 years of age or older?: I am 13 years of age or older.

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: testuser1 fsatest

Date of Birth: 01/01/1980

Mailing Address: 3950 S Las Vegas Blvd

City, State, Zip Code: Las Vegas , NV , 89119

Phone: (440)456-7890

Alternate Phone: (321)654-9870

Language Preference: English

Challenge Question 1: Who was your first boss?
Answer 1: *****

Challenge Question 2: What city were you born in?
Answer 2: *****

Challenge Question 3: What is your favorite color?
Answer 3: *****

Challenge Question 4: What is your favorite food?
Answer 4: *****

Challenge Question 5 (Used to access your information over the phone): Type a significant date in your life (MM/DD/YYYY)
Answer 5: *****

Read before you proceed.
By submitting this application, you agree not to share your FSA ID with anyone. The security of your FSA ID is important because it can be used to

- electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents
- access your personal records, and
- make binding legal obligations.

If your FSA ID is lost or stolen, you also agree to

I certify that the above information is correct & accept the terms & conditions

CANCEL PREVIOUS CONTINUE

- 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 E-mail

Verify Your E-mail

E-mail Verification Page

An e-mail containing a secure code was sent to your e-mail address on file. Important: If you're accessing your e-mail via the Web, **make sure to open a separate browser tab or window**. If you did not receive an e-mail, you can [request a new secure code](#).

Enter the Secure Code

Enter the secure code below and select CONTINUE to verify your e-mail address. After you verify your e-mail address, you can use it as your username when logging in.

Note: It may take a few minutes for the e-mail to arrive. Check your junk folder if you cannot find the message in your inbox. Some e-mail providers require that you add an e-mail address to your address book before you can receive any e-mail from that address. To ensure that our messages can be delivered to your inbox, enter our originating e-mail address, FSA-ID@ed.gov into your address book.



Secure Code *

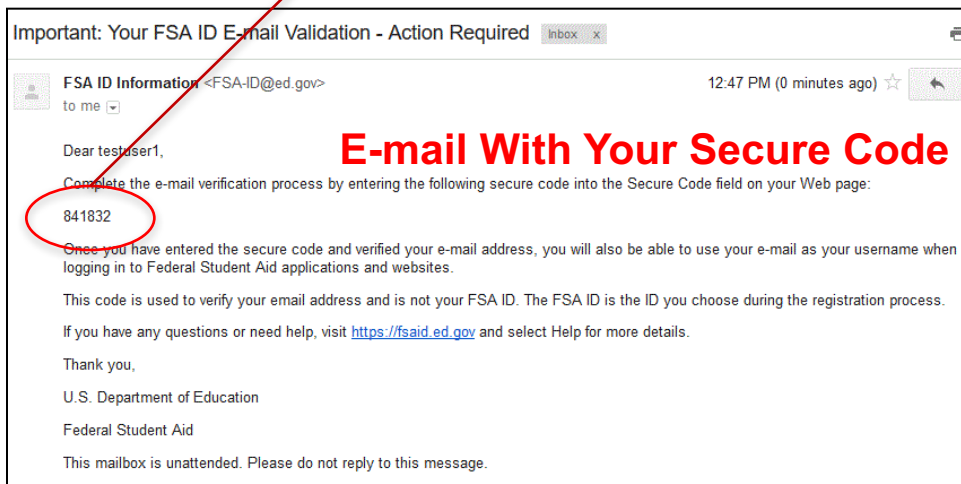
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* Required

CANCEL

CONTINUE WITHOUT VERIFYING

CONTINUE



E-mail With Your Secure Code

- If you provided an e-mail address, then you will be taken to the E-mail Verification page
- Once you verify your e-mail, you can use your e-mail address as your username when logging in to Department of Education websites
- You can also continue without verifying

How to Verify Your E-mail

- Do not close the E-mail Verification page
- We'll send you an e-mail with a secure code
- Log in to your e-mail account using a different tab or browser window or another device
- Look for an e-mail with the subject line, "Important: Your FSA ID E-mail Validation - Action Required"
- The e-mail 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

You have successfully created your FSA ID. You can now use your FSA ID to complete and electronically sign your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®; www.fafsa.gov).



- Your FSA ID username and password have been created. We will send your information to the Social Security Administration (SSA) for verification. This takes 1-3 days, during which time you can use your FSA ID to complete and electronically sign your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) at www.fafsa.gov.

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

Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.gov:

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

The National Student Loan Data System at www.nsls.ed.gov:

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

StudentLoans.gov at www.studentloans.gov:

- Complete Entrance Counseling.
- Electronically sign a master promissory note (MPN).
- Complete PLUS loan requests.
- Complete Exit Counseling.

Agreement to Serve (ATS) at www.teach-ats.ed.gov:

- Sign your ATS for the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program.

My Federal Student Aid at StudentAid.gov/log-in:

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

Select RETURN TO LOGIN if you wish to return to the FSA ID log-in page.

RETURN TO LOGIN >

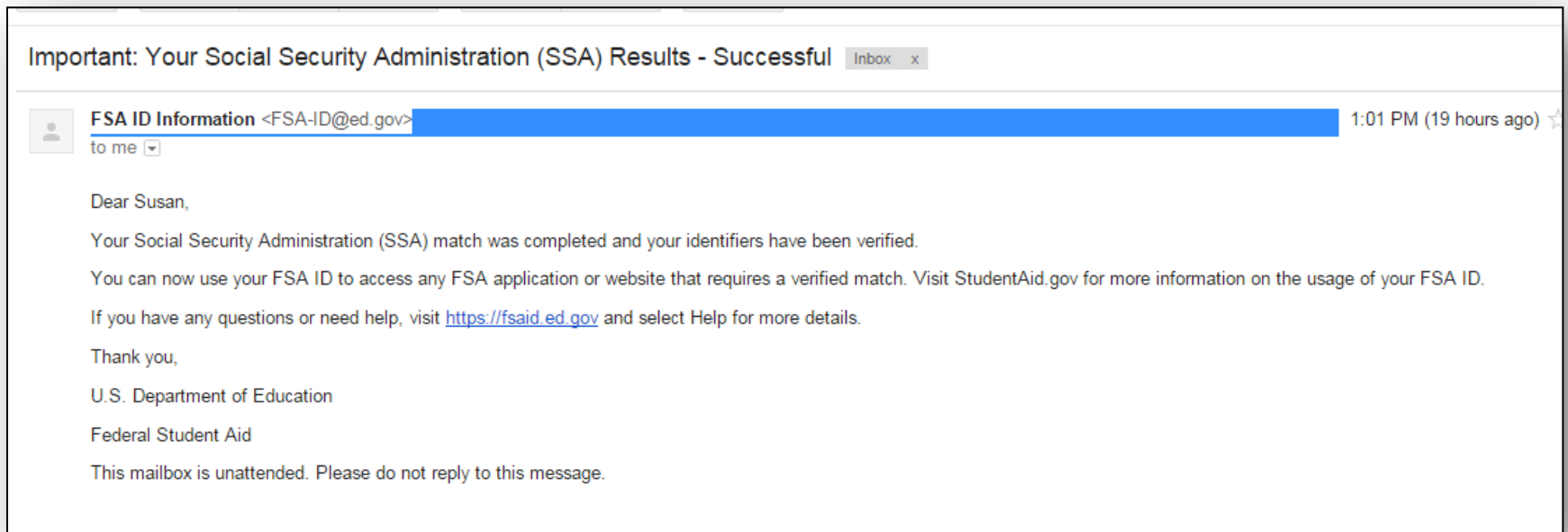
- Your FSA ID was created
- If you provided an e-mail address, then you will receive a confirmation e-mail

Using Your FSA ID

- You can log in to fafsa.gov and complete, sign, and submit a new (original) FAFSA
- Your info will be sent to the Social Security Administration 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 correct your FAFSA, submit a renewal FAFSA, or sign a Master Promissory Note.

Social Security Administration Matching

- You should receive an e-mail informing you of the results of the SSA review; If you did not provide an e-mail when creating your FSA ID, you can check the status by logging in at [FSAID.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov) using the “Edit My FSA ID” tab
- If there is an issue, log in at [FSAID.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov) using the “Edit 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 www.ssa.gov)



Where can I use my FSA ID?

Using Your FSA ID

Website	What You Can Do at the Site
<p>fafsa.gov</p> <p>→ → →</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronically sign your (or your child's) FAFSA • Import your tax information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS Data Retrieval Tool) • Prefill data in this year's FAFSA if you filed a FAFSA last year (Renewal FAFSA) • Make online corrections to an existing FAFSA • View or print an online copy of your <i>Student Aid Report (SAR)</i>
<p>My Federal Student Aid at StudentAid.gov/login or the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) at www.nslsds.ed.gov</p>	<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
<p>StudentLoans.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete entrance counseling, the <i>Financial Awareness Counseling Tool</i>, or exit counseling • Electronically sign a master promissory note (MPN). • 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
<p>Agreement to Serve (ATS) at www.teach-ats.ed.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign your ATS for the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program

Now you need to file your FAFSA!

- File your FAFSA on your own at www.fafsa.gov
- OR**
- Attend the FAFSA Workshop held at CHS during the week of Parent/Teacher conferences. More information will be announced at a later date.

***** DO NOT PAY MONEY TO FILE YOUR FAFSA. IT IS FREE.*****