

Creating Your FSA ID

To access and electronically sign the FAFSA[®] you need an FSA ID—create yours online at fsaid.ed.gov!

Things to know before you begin

- You must have a Social Security number to create an FSA ID
- Students and parents each need their own FSA ID
- Avoid the risk of identity theft—don't let anyone create your FSA ID for you

7 steps to creating your FSA ID

1. Provide E-mail Address

- Not required, but strongly recommended (so you can retrieve your username and password if you forget)
- Students and parents cannot use the same e-mail address
- Use an e-mail account that you frequently check and will have access to for the next several years (students should not use their high school e-mail account)

2. Choose Username and Password

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

3. Provide Personal Identification Information

- Make sure your Social Security number and name match what's on your Social Security card

4. Review Profile Information

- Provide additional information such as your mailing address and phone number
- Make sure your information is correct; any errors could result in a delay or problem in receiving financial aid
- Select if you would like to receive Federal Student Aid information in Spanish

Tip → Have all of your information ready— if you take too long to enter it, your session will time-out and you will have to start over

Check out the next steps →