

How do I get an FSA ID? fafsa.ed.gov

You can create an FSA ID when logging into certain ED websites. The FSA ID process consists of three main steps:

- 1 Enter your log-in information.
 - Provide your e-mail address, a unique username, and password, and verify that you are at least 13 years old.
- 2 Enter your personal information.
 - Provide your Social Security number, name, and date of birth.
 - Include your mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and language preference.
 - For security purposes, provide answers to five challenge questions.
- 3 Submit your FSA ID information.
 - Agree to the terms and conditions.
 - Verify your e-mail address. (This is optional, but helpful. By verifying your e-mail address, you can use your e-mail address as your username when logging into certain ED websites. This verification also allows you to retrieve your username or reset your password without answering challenge questions.)

Do I need to have an e-mail address to create my FSA ID?

No; an e-mail address is not required to create or use an FSA ID. However, we strongly recommend that you do enter your e-mail address when you create your FSA ID. If we have your e-mail address on file, it's easier for us to help you if you get locked out of your account or forget your username or password. Also, your e-mail address can be used as an alternative to your username when you log in to fafsa.gov, StudentLoans.gov, or certain other websites.

Remember: An e-mail address can be associated with only one FSA ID. Why? The FSA ID is used to electronically sign documents such as loan promissory notes (which establish the binding legal obligation for the loan debt). Therefore, it is extremely important that any communications related to those documents or that FSA ID go to the correct person.

Similarly, make sure you don't let anyone else know your FSA ID or create it for you because you'll be putting yourself at risk of identity theft or—at the very least—at risk of not knowing how to sign into your own accounts.

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Do parents need FSA IDs?

Yes, a dependent student will need to have one of his or her legal parents sign the student's FAFSA, so the parent needs an FSA ID as well. It's important to understand that the student and the parent may not share an FSA ID: Your FSA ID is your signature, so it has to be unique to you.

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