

Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



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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.

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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.

Log in to StudentAid.gov	Create An FSA ID
Edit My FSA ID	

E-mail	<input type="text"/>	?
Confirm E-mail	<input type="text"/>	?
Username *	<input type="text"/>	?
Password *	<input type="password"/>	?
	✓ Numbers ✓ Uppercase Letters ✓ Lowercase Letters ✓ Special Characters ✓ 8-30 Characters <input type="checkbox"/> Show Text	
Confirm Password *	<input type="password"/>	?
Are you 13 years of age or older? *	<input type="radio"/> I am 13 years of age or older. <input type="radio"/> I am 12 years of age or younger.	?

CONTINUE >

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.

* Required

Social Security Number *

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Date of Birth *



First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name *

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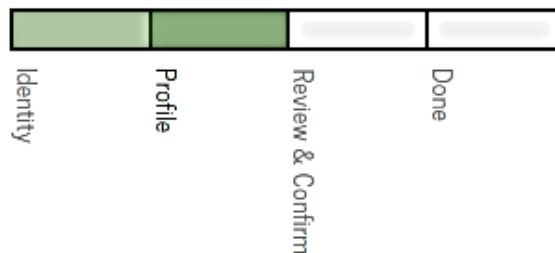
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CONTINUE

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.



Confirm information previously typed and then enter your address and phone numbers

Mailing Address

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City, State, Zip Code

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Phone

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Alternate Phone

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Language Preference

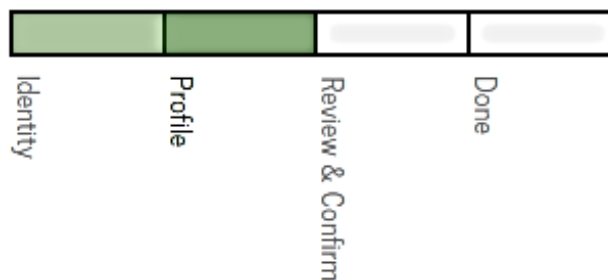
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Challenge Questions And Answers

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.



You will be required to select and answer five challenge questions

First two, you select one of predetermined questions

** Required*

Challenge Question 1 *

Select Your Question ?

- What was the name of your elementary school? ?
- What is the nickname of your youngest sibling? ?
- What city were you born in? ?
- Who was your first boss? ?
- What was the name of your first pet? ?
- What was your high school's mascot? ?
- What is the name of the hospital you were born in? ?
- What color was your first car? ?
- What is your mother's maiden name? ?

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Challenge Question 3 *

For the next two, you will create your own questions

Challenge Question 3 *

Create Your Own Question Here ?

Answer 3 *

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Challenge Question 4 *

Create Your Own Question Here ?

Answer 4 *

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The last question asks you to enter a significant date in your life

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

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

Answer 5 *

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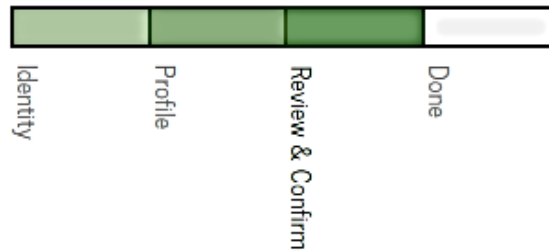
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CONTINUE ▶

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.



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.

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

CANCEL

◀ PREVIOUS

CONTINUE ▶

Verify Your E-mail

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.



* *Required*

Secure Code *



CANCEL

CONTINUE WITHOUT VERIFYING

CONTINUE >

Can I use my new FSA ID right away?

If you already have a Federal Student Aid PIN, you can link your PIN to your FSA ID. This allows you to immediately use your FSA ID to access your personal information on any of the [ED websites that require an FSA ID](#).

If you are creating an FSA ID for the first time, or if you don't link your FSA ID to your PIN, you may use your FSA ID to sign an original FAFSA, but nothing else.

To start a Renewal FAFSA or to make corrections to an existing FAFSA (including adding a school or accessing the IRS Data Retrieval Tool), your information (name, Social Security number, and date of birth) will need to be confirmed with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Once your information is verified with the SSA (one–three days from the date you apply), you will receive an e-mail indicating that the process is complete. At that time, you will be able to use your FSA ID to fully access your financial aid information.

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Visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/pub/faq.htm> to see the Frequently Asked Questions about FSA ID's