



# Creating Your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

Your FSA ID is a username and password that is unique to each student and parent. It serves as an electronic signature for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the federal student loan processes. Keeping this information secure is very important!

1.
  - ➔ Go to [StudentAid.gov/FSAID](https://StudentAid.gov/FSAID) or choose the FSA ID icon on the FAFSA.gov webpage.
  - ➔ Select the "Create an FSA ID Now" button.

Create an FSA ID Now

2.
  - ➔ Enter the following information:
    - ➔ **Email** - Must be unique to the individual requesting the ID.  
**Note:** Students - we encourage you to **NOT** use your high school or college email address.
    - ➔ **Username** - Anything you will remember and hasn't already been taken. You will see a message that says "**Username Available**" or "**Username Taken**" once you meet the minimum field requirements.
    - ➔ **Password** - Anything you will remember that meets the password criteria and minimum field requirements.  
**Note:** Passwords expire every 18 months.

Click on the "?" at the end of each line for a helpful tip on what is required for each field.

3.
  - ➔ Enter personal identifiable information like social security number, date of birth, and name.
  - ➔ Confirm profile information provided and/or complete the required data elements like address and phone numbers.

4.
  - ➔ Complete the Challenge Questions section
    - ➔ You will need to pick 2 questions
    - ➔ You will then create 2 questions
    - ➔ Enter a significant date in your life  
**Note:** Do NOT use your own birthday

The "Show Text" box on various fields allows you to see hidden text. This may be helpful as you confirm your answers.

5.
  - ➔ Review your information and click on the check box, agreeing to the terms and conditions for using your FSA ID
  - ➔ Verify your email (keep your current screen open):
    - ➔ Open your email account in another device or window.
    - ➔ Find the email with the subject line "Important: Your FSA ID E-mail Validation - Action required."
    - ➔ Take the 6-digit code in the email and enter it back on the FSA ID screen.

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