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## HOW TO Create a FSA ID

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### What is an FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username/password that you use to log into the FAFSA and other US Department of Education online systems. The FSA ID is your legal signature and shouldn't be created or used by anyone other than you—including parents, children, school officials, loan companies, etc. This log in will be used for FAFSA and also any federal student loan sites.

### How do I get a FSA ID?

You may navigate to [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account](https://StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account) to create a FSA ID. You will need:

- Social Security Number
- Full name
- Date of Birth

You will also need to create a memorable username/password and complete challenge questions and answers so you can retrieve your account information if you forget it.

You will need to provide either an email address or a cell phone number when you make your FSA ID. Providing a cell phone number and/or email address that you have access to will make it easier to log in to ED online systems and allow additional account recovery options. Each email and/or cell phone number can only be associated with one FSA ID. Shared emails or phone numbers may only be used for one FSA ID.

### FSA ID Tips

- 1) If you need to provide parent information on your FAFSA, one of your parents will need a FSA ID to sign the form. Your parent can create a FSA ID and then sign the form electronically. **Parents need to create their own FSA ID!**
- 2) When you first create your FSA ID, the use of your FSA ID will be limited to completing, signing, and submitting an original (1<sup>st</sup> time) FAFSA form. You'll have to wait 1-3 days for your information to be confirmed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) before you can use your FSA ID for other actions. If you provided an email, you'll receive an email letting you know that your information was successfully matched with the SSA and you can begin using your FSA ID.
- 3) If you forget your FSA ID, look for the "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password" links on the login page. These links will direct you to where you can request a secure code to be texted to your verified cell phone number or emailed to your verified email address. The secure code will allow you to retrieve your username or reset your password. If you verified your email or cell phone number during account creation, you can enter either one for the username to log in.