

How to create an FSA ID

The process has **four** main steps:

(If you're a dependent student, you and a parent will each need an FSA ID.)

- 1. Go to www.studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account and enter your login information**
 - Provide your email address and create a username and password.
 - The password must meet three of the four criteria listed, and you need to remember it!
- 2. Enter your personal information**
 - Provide your Social Security number, name, and date of birth.
 - It's helpful to provide your mailing address and mobile phone number, but those are not required.
 - Answer four challenge questions. Select two questions from the list provided and then create two questions.
- 3. Submit your FSA ID information.**
 - Agree to the terms and conditions.
 - Verify your email address.
 - Verify your mobile phone number.
 - You must verify an email or mobile number to create your account and to retrieve a forgotten password.
- 4. Expect two emails from FSA ID Information.**
 - Keep the FSA ID webpage up and open a new tab to view your email. The first email says that you can now use your FSA ID.
 - The second email provides a 6 digit security code that you need to enter back on the FSA ID application.
 - Now you can use the FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. If your parent's information is required on the FAFSA, at least one parent will need to get an FSA ID using a different email address.

Helpful Hints

Consider these tips when creating your FSA ID.

1. Make sure you and your parent both have active email accounts.
2. Don't use a high school email address because that may be deleted after you graduate.
3. Select challenge questions that are easy for you to remember, like your middle name.
4. Create challenge questions that have answers that will not change over time. For example, your favorite TV show might change every season, but the city you were born in will always remain the same.
5. Create an FSA ID before you complete the FAFSA because the process takes about 8-10 minutes.

