

How Do I Create an FSA ID?

You can create an FSA ID when logging in to certain federal student aid websites or by visiting fsaid.ed.gov.

The FSA ID process consists of three main steps:

1. Enter your login information.
 - Provide your email 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, 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 email address. (This is optional, but helpful.) By verifying your email address, you can use it as your username when logging into certain federal student aid websites.

Do not 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.

Can I Use My New FSA ID Right Away?

You can use your new FSA ID immediately to complete, sign and submit a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

To start a renewal FAFSA or 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).

If you linked a PIN when you created your FSA ID, your SSA confirmation was carried forward to your FSA ID and you will be able to use it for all tasks right away.

If you did not link a PIN when you created your FSA ID, your FSA ID information will be confirmed with SSA. This takes 1-3 days, and you will receive an email when this is complete. Once SSA confirms your information, you will be able to use your FSA ID for all FAFSA tasks along with other federal student aid websites such as studentloans.gov, nslds.ed.gov, studentaid.gov and teach-ats.ed.gov.