

How do I create a StudentAid.gov account?

To create a StudentAid.gov account username and password:

1. Go to [Create Account](#).
2. Provide your name, date of birth, and Social Security number (SSN) if applicable.
3. Enter a unique username.
4. Enter your email address.
5. Enter a strong password.
6. Enter your mailing address.
7. Enter your mobile phone number. Select the box to indicate if you would like to register your mobile phone to receive one-time secure codes if you forget your username or password. (You'll be required to provide either your email address or your mobile phone number and to opt in to messaging before you can proceed.)
8. Select your communication preferences.
9. For security purposes, complete the challenge questions and answers.
10. Confirm and verify your information.
11. Agree to the terms and conditions.
12. Enable two-step verification by verifying your email address and/or mobile phone.
13. Write down your back-up code.

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to apply for, receive, and manage your federal student aid.

[Get Started](#)

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Do With Your Account

You must have an account to do the following:

- Fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form online
- Complete other online forms (such as the *Master Promissory Note*) required to receive aid
- Review the federal student aid you've received

What You'll Need

- Your Social Security number (if applicable)
- Your own email address

Step 1: Create Account and Enter Personal Information

Create an Account (FSA ID)

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Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account (FSA ID) is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Social Security Number

Note: A user can only have one account associated with his or her Social Security number.

Cancel

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Step 2: Create Username and Password for FDS ID

Create an Account (FSA ID)

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Account Information

Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can't create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must create their own accounts.

Username

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Password

- ✓ Uppercase
- ✓ Lowercase
- ✓ Number
- ✓ 8+ characters

Confirm Password

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Step 3: Enter Mailing Address and Mobile Phone Number

Step 4: Communication Preferences

Create an Account (FSA ID)

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Contact Information

Mailing Address

Address

City

State

Type Response

ZIP Code

Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Confirm Mobile Phone Number

+ Add Alternate Phone Number

Mobile Phone Account Recovery

We strongly recommend setting up mobile phone account recovery. This option is used to help you restore access to your account by sending you a code via text message if you are locked out.

Yes, I would like to use my mobile phone for account recovery.

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TIP: On this screen, I would suggest you select YES when the site asks you if you'd like to enter your mobile phone number. If you ever forget your password, you'll be glad you're able to reset it via your mobile phone.

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Communication Preferences

Required Communications

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and its federal student loan servicers will need to send you required communications and documents related to your federal student aid, such as student loan disclosures and interest statements.

I want to receive these communications:

By email *Recommended*

i By selecting this option, you agree to receive required communications by email and confirm you have reviewed and agree to FSA's [Terms and Conditions](#).

By postal mail

Optional Communications

ED and its federal student loan servicers want you to feel confident about the financial aid and student loan process. To help with this, we will sometimes send out information about programs you may be eligible for, such as grant programs, student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment plans, and more.

I want to receive these communications:

By email

By text message

Language Preference

Your choice lets us know how you would like to view website content once logged in, and what to use for your communications.

Language

English

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Step 5: Enter 4 Challenge Questions for Account Recovery

Step 6: Confirm & Verify All Information Entered

Create an Account (FSA ID)

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Challenge Questions

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them or if you need to unlock your account.

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

Challenge Question 1

Question

Select

Answer

Show Answer

Challenge Question 2

Question

Select

Answer

Show Answer

Challenge Question 3

Question

Select

Answer

Show Answer

Create an Account (FSA ID)

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Confirm and Verify

Verify the information you provided for your account below. If there is an error, select "Edit" to correct the information.

Personal Information

Edit

NAME

Testing T TestingLastName

DATE OF BIRTH

01/01/2000

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

***-**-2222

Finally, you'll be asked to verify your email and/or mobile number. Go ahead and do that and then hit FINISH.

Create an Account (FSA ID)

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Account Recovery

Only a verified email address OR a verified mobile phone number is required, but if you provided both on previous screens, you MUST verify both below.



Verify My Email Address

NOT VERIFIED

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You are now ready to fill out the FAFSA form.