**What’s an FSA ID?**

The FSA ID is a username and password you use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites, including **fafsa.gov**, **StudentAid.gov**, and **StudentLoans.gov**. The FSA ID is your legal signature and shouldn’t be created or used by anyone other than you—not even your parent, your child, a school official, or a loan company representative. You’ll use your FSA ID every year you fill out a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form and for the lifetime of your federal student loans.

Parent(s) must create an FSA ID to complete the student’s 24-25 FAFSA. Parent(s) will **not** have the option to print a signature page as in prior years. The FSA ID will allow the IRS to transfer your tax return information into the FAFSA. A student’s FAFSA will not be submitted for processing until the parent(s) have logged in with their FSA ID and completed their section of the FAFSA.

**How do I create an FSA ID so I can complete the FAFSA®?**

1. Go to **StudentAid.gov/fsaid**, click on the link located to the right that says Create an Account. Once you’re on the FSA ID page, click *the Get Started button.*
2. Enter an email address you will have access to for the next several years. Create a memorable username and password. Your password cannot contain any part of your name, DOB or SSN. Click the box that says show text so you can see what you are typing. **Important**: An email address and mobile phone number cannot be used with more than one FSA ID. If you share an email address with someone else, then only one of you will be able to use that email address to create an FSA ID. This applies to your mobile phone number too.
**\*It is recommended to not use your high school email address since it expires after graduation.**
3. Enter your social security number. If you don’t know it do not proceed with creating your ID. Enter your name as it is on your social security card. Do not use a nick name or shortened version. Enter your birthdate.
4. Enter the address where you receive mail. Do not use your 911 address if you are not able to receive mail there.
5. Set up security questions. Check the show text button for each question. **Important:** You may need to answer these questions later so please choose answers that you will not forget.
6. To ensure your email and mobile phone number are valid they will send a 6-digit code. You will need to open your email or text to retrieve this code and enter in the appropriate box. Providing a mobile phone number and/ or email address that you have access to will make it easier to unlock your account, retrieve your forgotten username, or reset your forgotten password.

**Important:** Once you create your FSA ID you cannot create a new one. It is very important that you remember your username and password or can retrieve it by either having an access code sent to your verified email or verified mobile phone or be able to correctly answer your security questions.

**FSA ID Tips**

 An FSA ID must be created 2-3 days prior to completing your section of the FAFSA.

If you forget your FSA ID username and password, look for links, such as “Forgot My Username” and “Forgot My Password,” at the log-in pages. These links will direct you to web pages where you can request a secure code to be texted to your verified mobile phone number or emailed to your verified email address. The secure code will allow you to retrieve your username or reset your password. You can also retrieve your username or reset your password by successfully answering your challenge questions. .

Learn more about the FSA ID at **StudentAid.gov/fsaid**.