How To Create Your **StudentAid.gov Account**

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A **StudentAid.gov Account** (also known as an FSA ID) is the username and password that students and any applicable information contributor(s)* must create to sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Your StudentAid.gov Account will serve as your legal signature and should not be created or used by anyone other than you. Students and any applicable information contributors must create your own unique StudentAid.gov Accounts. You will use this account to fill out the FAFSA each year and access any federal student loans throughout the lifetime of the loan.

Get Started

To create your StudentAid.gov Account prior to starting the FAFSA, go to **studentaid/gov/fsa-id/** and click 'Create an Account' then 'Get Started.'

Enter Your Personal Information

Enter your name, date of birth (DOB), and Social Security Number (SSN). It is critical that your personal information matches exactly what is on your SSN card. If you do not have an SSN, leave that field empty and check the box confirming you do not have an SSN but ***do*** meet the criteria to create a StudentAid.gov Account.

Create Your Username and Password

Create a unique username that does not include any personal information (such as your name or DOB) and create a secure password. You will be asked to enter an email address that you have access to and can verify. Note - An email address can only be associated with one StudentAid.gov Account; the student and any applicable contributor(s) cannot use the same email address.

Provide Your Contact Information and Communication Preferences

If you do not have an SSN, you must enter your permanent mailing address. This is optional for individuals with SSNs. You will then be asked to confirm your communication preferences by indicating how you want to receive information.

Set Up Challenge Questions

It is recommended that you set up challenge questions and answers to help you retrieve your username or password and/or unlock your account in the future if necessary.

Confirm and Verify

Confirm and verify the information provided. This includes verifying your email address via a one-time code. If you do not have an SSN, you will also be required to answer several knowledge-based identity questions related to your personal history to confirm your identity. All account holders will then have the option to enable two-step verification going forward.

**** Contributor: Any individual required to provide signature and consent on the FAFSA® form, including the student; the student's spouse; a biological or adoptive parent; or the parent's spouse (stepparent).***

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