

How to Create Your FSA ID



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An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

The screenshot shows the "Create An FSA ID" form. It has two tabs: "Create An FSA ID" (selected) and "Edit My FSA ID". The form fields include: "E-mail", "Confirm E-mail", "Username", "Password", and "Confirm Password". Below the password field are checkboxes for "Numbers", "Uppercase Letters", "Lowercase Letters", "Special Characters", and "8-30 Characters", along with a "Show Text" button. The "Are you 13 years of age or older?" question has two radio button options: "I am 13 years of age or older." and "I am 12 years of age or younger." A green "CONTINUE" button is at the bottom right. On the right side of the form, there are links for "Edit My FSA ID" and "Frequently Asked Questions". A "* Required" note is in the top right corner.

Follow these steps to create a new FSA ID:

1. Click on the link to create a FSA ID from fsaid.ed.gov or other U.S. Department of Education websites, such as StudentLoans.gov, StudentAid.ed.gov, National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS), and TEACH Grant.
2. Verify that you are at least 13 years old.
3. Create a unique username and password, and provide your email address. When choosing a username and password, remember that the FSA ID is an electronic signature used to apply for financial aid and sign loan promissory notes and other legal documents.
4. Provide all required personal data, such as your name, Social Security Number, date of birth, and contact information, as well as answers to the challenge questions you select.

5. If you already have an FSA PIN, you can link it to your FSA ID. This can speed up the verification process. (If you have forgotten it or do not have a PIN, you don't need a FSA PIN to create an FSA ID.)
6. Carefully review your information. Read and accept the terms and conditions on the FSA ID site.
7. Check the email account that was used to create your FSA ID. You can add fsa-id@ed.gov to your address book to make sure the emails get delivered to your inbox. Look for a message that contains a secure code you can use to verify your email address on the FSA ID site. You will then have the option of using this email address instead of your username to access the various U.S. Department of Education websites. If you change your email address, you will need re-verify it.

The FSA ID may be used to file a FAFSA immediately. There may be a delay of a few days before the FSA ID can be used to login to the other U.S. Department of Education websites.