



Obtaining an FSA ID



What is the FSA ID?

- Your identifier to let you access your personal information in various U.S. Department of Education systems. (i.e. FAFSA)
- You need an FSA ID **AND** at least one parent needs an FSA ID to complete and submit a FAFSA online. Your ETS Advisor will help you figure what your family situation means in terms of FSA IDs. You can also use this “who is my parent form: here: <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents>.

The FSA ID process consists of these main steps:

- Access the "Create Account" page: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/personal-info>
- Provide a username (**this cannot be your email, but you CAN use your email to log in later**)
- Enter your email address (**do not use your school email, as you will submit the FAFSA every year**)
- Provide a unique password (**8+ characters; 1 upper case; 1 number; cannot include any part of your name, birthdate or SS#**)
- Provide your name (**EXACTLY AS WRITTEN ON YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD**), date of birth, and Social Security Number (SSN)
- Provide your mailing address
- Provide your mobile phone number. Select the box if you would like to register your mobile phone to receive one-time secure codes if you forget your username or password. (**You will be required to either provide your email address or to provide your mobile phone number and opt-in to messaging before you can proceed**).
- For security purposes, complete the challenge questions and answers
- Confirm and verify your information
- Agree to the terms and conditions
- Verify your email address and/or mobile phone number. This verification allows you to retrieve your username or reset your password without answering your challenge questions. Also, you can use your mobile phone number or your email address as your username when logging in to ED systems.