

# Creating and Using the FSA ID

## What's an FSA ID and what do I need it for?

The FSA ID and password is used to log in to a number of U.S. Department of Education websites including:

- [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
  - ✓ Where the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is completed.
  - ✓ Where you can view information about your financial aid history
  - ✓ Where new federal loan borrowers complete their Master Promissory Note & Entrance Counseling

## Who needs an FSA ID?

Students filing their FAFSA for the first time need to create an FSA ID and password, as it serves as their signature and to provide consent on the application.

A parent needs to create their own FSA ID if the student is required to provide information about their parent(s) on the FAFSA application. The parent will use their FSA to provide consent and sign the student's application. This webpage has a useful infographic for how to determine which parent(s) need to create an FSA ID and password: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info>.

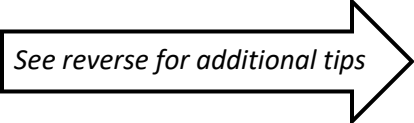
## How do you create an FSA ID?

Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and click the option to Create Account. You'll need your Social Security Number, full name (as it appears on your SSN card) and date of birth. You will create a unique username and password and then answer a series of challenge questions that are used to retrieve your account information if you forget it.

You will need to verify your mobile phone number and/or email address when you create your FSA ID. This will make it a lot easier to retrieve a forgotten username, reset your password, or unlock your account.

## Important Tips:

- ✓ An email address and mobile phone cannot be used with more than one FSA ID! Students must use their email/mobile number and parents must to use their email/mobile number when creating their FSA IDs. 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.
- ✓ You can check the status of the verification process by logging into studentaid.gov. Click on your name, then Settings then Personal Information. Accounts pending verification cannot be used to complete the FAFSA until verification is complete (1-3 days from account creation).
- ✓ If you forget your FSA ID username and/or password, look for links, such as "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password," on the log-in pages for the various websites.



*See reverse for additional tips*

It's a good idea to record the information used when creating the FSA ID, including the email, mobile number and answers to challenge questions. **Remember, FSA IDs should not be shared with anyone else! Use this as a guide for what to record when creating the student FSA ID and parent FSA ID, if applicable. If you choose to write on this sheet, please keep it in a secure location.**

**STUDENT FSA ID**

*Username:*

*Password:*

*Email address:*

*Mobile phone:*

*Backup Code:*

*Challenge Questions:*

Q1 \_\_\_\_\_ A1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Q2 \_\_\_\_\_ A2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Q3 \_\_\_\_\_ A3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Q4 \_\_\_\_\_ A4 \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT FSA ID**

Which parent created the FSA ID? \_\_\_\_\_

*Username:*

*Password:*

*Email address:*

*Mobile phone:*

*Backup Code:*

*Challenge Questions:*

Q1 \_\_\_\_\_ A1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Q2 \_\_\_\_\_ A2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Q3 \_\_\_\_\_ A3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Q4 \_\_\_\_\_ A4 \_\_\_\_\_

**HESC USER NAME AND PIN (Students Only)**

*Username:*

*PIN:*

*Challenge Questions:*

Q1 \_\_\_\_\_ A1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Q2 \_\_\_\_\_ A2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Q3 \_\_\_\_\_ A3 \_\_\_\_\_