

## Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

Federal Student Aid IDs (FSA ID) are a username and password, created by the individual student and/or parent. FSA IDs are used to sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and, as a result, are a crucial part of the FAFSA-completion process. All FAFSA-filers are required to create an FSA ID; if the student is dependent, a parent is strongly advised to create one as well. Here are a few recommendations regarding the FSA IDs.

- Create an FSA ID at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>.
- FSA IDs are linked to the user's Social Security Number. *Please double check that the name, birthdate, and SSN used on the FSA ID application match **exactly** what is listed on your Social Security card.*
- Users are **required** to link an email address *and/or* a cell phone number to their FSA ID; a second step in this process is verifying one *or* both by entering a secure code that has been sent. **The FSA ID is not finalized until the email address and/or the cell phone number have been verified.** Remember:
  - A *verified* email address *and/or* cell phone number can be used interchangeably with the username, offering greater flexibility.
  - If the username and/or password are forgotten, a user may send a secure code to their *verified* email and/or cell phone number, which allows for easier retrieval and/or reset.
- As of July 2022, Federal Student Aid has instituted a two-step verification process. **All FSA ID users are required to set up, and use, two-step verification.** Individuals may use their verified email address and/or cell phone numbers for two-step verification; users also may use an authenticator app.
- Federal Student Aid does not permit passwords to include any aspects of the user's legal name, DOB, or SSN.
- Show text when answering challenge questions to ensure they are typed as intended.
- Write everything down and save in a safe, secure spot.
- Although it is understandable the many reasons why students create parent FSA IDs (and vice versa), it is advisable to avoid this unless necessary. When it is necessary, one suggestion is to use the same password for both accounts, to minimize what detail needs to be remembered.

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Backup Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Challenge Questions and Answers:

Question #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Backup Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Challenge Questions and Answers:

Question #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #4: \_\_\_\_\_