

RI FAFSA Initiative

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE to setting up your StudentAid.gov Account (also called a FSA ID)

Your StudentAid.gov account (sometimes called your FSA ID) lets you apply for federal student loans, grants, and work-study using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.

Use this form to record and store your account information in a safe place.

To create a StudentAid.gov account go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> and then follow the steps below.

ABOUT YOUR Student.Aid.gov ACCOUNT

- The first StudentAid.gov account you create will be the only StudentAid.gov account you will have. You will use it every time you apply for federal financial aid in the future. This means you can't simply create another StudentAid.gov account in the future.
- Each student & parent(s) must create a unique StudentAid.gov accounts with separate usernames, passwords, and email addresses for their exclusive use.
- Use a personal email address that you'll have access to in the future no matter what school you attend or where you work.

STEP 1: First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Social Security Number

STEP 2: Create a User Name and enter your Email and Password

STEP 3: Mailing Address & Mobile Phone Number

STEP 4: Choose Communication & Language Preference

STEP 5: Select & Answer Four Challenge Questions

STEP 6: Review Information

STEP 7: Verify Email & Mobile Number



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My StudentAid.gov Account Information Sheet

Complete this form and save it in a secure location for future reference.

Challenge Questions

To avoid the StudentAid.gov site timing out account creation, preselect and answer challenge questions from the list below. You will need **four** challenge questions and answers when you create your account.

What was the name of your elementary school? _____

What city were you born in? _____

What was the name of your first pet? _____

What was your high school's mascot? _____

What color was your first car? _____

What is the name of the street where you grew up? _____

What is your father's middle name? _____

What was the name of your first teacher? _____

My StudentAid.gov/FSA ID Information

Now that you have all your information prepared, use the fill-in-the-blank sections below to remember what you need to create your StudentAid.gov.

STUDENT Account

Username: _____

Password: _____

Email: _____

Challenge Answer 1: _____

Challenge Answer 2: _____

Challenge Answer 3: _____

Challenge Answer 4: _____

Backup Code: _____

My Parent(s) StudentAid.gov/FSA ID Information

Only create Parent 2 StudentAid.gov account/FSA ID if your parents are married and filed 2022 taxes separately. Married filing jointly requires only Parent 1 to create an account.

PARENT 1 Account

Username: _____

Password: _____

Email: _____

Challenge Answer 1: _____

Challenge Answer 2: _____

Challenge Answer 3: _____

Challenge Answer 4: _____

Backup Code: _____

PARENT 2 Account

Username: _____

Password: _____

Email: _____

Challenge Answer 1: _____

Challenge Answer 2: _____

Challenge Answer 3: _____

Challenge Answer 4: _____

Backup Code: _____