Before the FAFSA

10/26/2023
The FAFSA Opens in December 2023

• 2024 Graduating Seniors
  ➢ High school seniors will complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA Form
  ➢ 2022 Income & Tax info required

➤ DECEMBER 2023 GRADUATES STARTING COLLEGE IN JANUARY 2024 WILL ALSO NEED TO COMPLETE 2023/2024 FAFSA
What is an FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username and password used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites, including StudentAid.gov.

The FSA ID is a student or parent’s legal electronic signature and shouldn’t be created or used by anyone else.

The FSA ID will be used every year to fill out a FAFSA application.
All Students must have a SSN to create an FSA ID

Parents with a SSN
- Same Process as Students
- Lifetime Usage

Parents without a SSN are able to create an FSA ID
- Different Process
- Must Create Each Year

Creating an FSA ID
FSA ID

FSA ID = Federal Student Aid ID

Username and password

Student and parent must each create their own

Must have an SSN to create one currently.

Parents without SSN may create IDs in late fall 2023.

FSA IDs will be used every year

Electronically sign FAFSA

Complete student loan paperwork

Login to U.S. Department of Education websites

FSA ID password must be RESET periodically
Keep in Mind!

If a parent has previously created an FSA ID for themselves while attending school or for another child who completed the FAFSA in a prior year, they do not need to create a new FSA ID. They can simply use the one that has already been established.
Things to Keep in Mind

Student/Parent Tips

• Choose an e-mail account you can access easily (Gmail, Yahoo, etc.)
• Don’t use a school issued e-mail account
• If username is already taken, choose another
• Don’t use your name or date of birth in password
• Select Show Text to see what you’re typing
Who Needs to Create an FSA ID?

- **Students**
  - All students who are filling the FAFSA will need to create an FSA ID

- **For Married Students:**
  - Student Spouse
  - ONLY if the student and their spouse DO NOT file taxes together

- **For Dependent Students:**
  - For Parents and/or Stepparents who are required to be listed on the FAFSA
    - IF they file taxes together, ONLY ONE parent will need to create an FSA ID
    - If they DO NOT file taxes together (including if they are NO-Filers) Both parents/stepparents will need FSA ID’s
Creating an FSA ID at studentaid.gov
Creating an FSA ID at studentaid.gov
Create an Account

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I’ll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account is true and correct and that I’m the individual who I claim to be.

If I’m not the person I claim to be, I understand that I’m not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I may be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name
Jesse

Middle Initial
C

Last Name
Faden

Date of Birth
Month: 09, Day: 07, Year: 1991

Social Security Number

☑️ I don’t have a Social Security number.

[Cancel] [Continue]
FSA ID: Parent(s) without SSNs*

What we know right now:
- Every contributor will be required to create an FSA ID
- Identity verification will be used for:
  - Students who are from Freely Associated States
  - Parents without SSNs
- Users without SSNs they will have the option to answer “knowledge-based identity” questions
  - If successful – FSA ID is authenticated and available to use immediately
- A manual documentation process will be available for those who can’t pass “knowledge-based identity” questions

What information we're waiting for:
- What these processes will look like
- The types of knowledge-based questions that will be asked
- The documents FSA will request to confirm identity

*Students from freely associated states will also need to go through this process to create FSA IDs
Id match & verification flow

START

User has SSN?

Social Security Admin. Match

User updates information or contacts SSA to resolve

NO

KNowledge-based Verification

NO

ID Proofing

YES

User Identity Verified

YES

User Identity Verified
Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 2 of 7

Account Information

Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can’t create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must create their own accounts.

Username
DavidSPumpkins02

Username is available.

Email Address
DavidSPumpkins123@gmail.com

Confirm Email Address
DavidSPumpkins123@gmail.com

Password
Password123

Confirm Password
***********

Next >
Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 3 of 7
Contact Information

Permanent Address

Address
123 Main Street

City
Phoenix

State
(AZ) Arizona

ZIP Code
85004

Mobile Phone Account Access

We strongly recommend setting up your mobile phone for account access. This option helps you gain access to your account if you are locked out, as well as allows your mobile phone to be used for two-step verification.

Mobile Phone
(602) 355-5555

Confirm Mobile Phone
(602) 355-5555

☐ Yes, I agree to use my mobile phone for account access.

Alternate Phone Number (Optional)

Add Alternate Phone Number

Previous Continue
Communication Preferences

Required Communications

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and its federal student loan servicers will need to send you required communications and documents related to your federal student aid, such as student loan disclosures and interest statements. I want to receive these communications:

- [ ] By email

Information: By selecting this option, you agree to receive required communications by email and confirm you have reviewed and agree to ED's Terms and Conditions.

- [ ] By postal mail

Optional Communications

ED and its federal student loan servicers want you to feel confident about the financial aid and student loan process. To help with this, we will sometimes send you information about programs you may be eligible for, such as grant programs, student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment plans, and more. I want to receive these communications:

- [ ] By email
- [ ] By text message

Language Preference

Your choice lets us know how you would like to view website content once logged in, and what to use for your communications.

Language:

- [ ] English

[Previous] [Continue]
### Challenge Questions

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forgot them or if you need to unlock your account.

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

#### Challenge Question 1

**Question:**
What was the name of your elementary school?

**Answer:**
************

#### Challenge Question 2

**Question:**
What city were you born in?

**Answer:**
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#### Challenge Question 3

**Question:**
What was your high school's mascot?

**Answer:**
********

#### Challenge Question 4

**Question:**
What color was your first car?

**Answer:**
Blue
Create an Account (FSA ID)

Confirm and Verify

Verify the information you provided for your account below. If there is an error, click “Edit” on the section where the error exists to correct the information.

Personal Information

Name
David S Pumpkins

Date of Birth
10/31/2004

Social Security Number
***-***-0001

Account Information

E-mail Address
DavidSPumpkins123@gmail.com

Password

Contact Information

Permanent Address
123 Main Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Mobile Phone
(602) 555-5555

I agree to Federal Student Aid’s Terms and Conditions.
Verification of Email/Phone for Account Recovery
Creating & Using the FSA ID

- Once submitted online, the FSA ID takes approximately 3-5 days

Please Note:
FSA ID should be created and verified (i.e. officially processed and matched) in order to successfully complete the FAFSA

- Highly Recommended that students/parents create their FSA ID Now, before the FAFSA launched in December 2023
FSA ID/FAFSA – Federal Process

Personal information is matched with other government agencies

- Social Security Administration
- Department of Defense
- Department of Justice
- Homeland Security
- Internal Revenue Service
- Veterans Affairs
- National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)
FSA ID Tips

- Students and Parents with SSNs can create their FSA ID right now

- **Best Practice:**
  Have seniors create their FSA during an English class or Government course

- Remind students to take a picture or save their FSA ID information in a safe place

- Have seniors help parent(s) create FSA ID
  - Must have FSA ID for only one parent if they are separated or divorced from other parent OR if parents are married and filed JOINT FEDERAL TAX RETURN IN 2022
  - Unmarried parents living together, or parents who filed two different tax returns in 2022 regardless of marital status, MUST EACH HAVE FSA ID
IRS Direct Data Exchange

The IRS Direct Data Exchange relies on FSA ID to verify identity

- Only users who successfully log into FAFSA with FSA ID can consent to IRS Data Exchange
- Consent must be given for FAFSA to be processed
- If consent is NOT GRANTED by student and applicable parent(s), student is INELIGIBLE for federal student aid
- Additional discussion in FAFSA 101!
CREATING AN FSA ID

The Federal Student Aid Identification, also called the FSA ID, is the first step to completing your FAFSA. It is a username and password that students and parents create to access the FAFSA and electronically sign the form.

For Students and Parents with a Social Security Number

STEPS TO CREATE AN FSA ID

VISIT: STUDE NTID . GOV/ FSA-ID/CREATE-ACCOUNT/ LAUNCH

1. Click “Get Started”
2. Enter Personal Information
3. Create Username and Password
4. Verify your Email Address
5. Complete Challenge Questions
6. 2-Step Verification
7. Review and Submit

8. Make sure to write down or take a picture of your FSA ID username and password as a reminder!

9. Repeat the process to have your parent create an FSA ID, too! They will need to input their information and a separate email address.

Please note: If your parents do not have Social Security Numbers, they cannot create FSA IDs at this time, but they will be able to do so later this fall. More information on this process to come!

HELPFUL TIPS

To ensure ongoing access to your email account beyond high school, please avoid using your school email address. Instead, create and use a personal email address, such as one from Gmail or Yahoo, to guarantee continued access to your account after graduation.

Remember to securely store your username and password for future reference. You can either save this information on your cell phone or in a safe location to ensure easy access when needed. Never share your username or password.

Can I edit my FSA ID? Yes. If your personal information changes or you would like to update anything on your account, you can make changes by logging in at studentaid.gov and selecting “Settings” under your account information.

What if I forget my FSA ID username or password? You can retrieve your username or reset your password by having a secure code sent to your phone or email. You may also answer your challenge questions, but this option comes with a 30-minute waiting period before you can use your account again.
Additional Resources

Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC)

Toll Free  1-800-433-3243

IM Chat

English & Spanish options
Join us for the 5th Annual FAFSA Kick-off and AzCAN launch event, hosted by the Arizona FAFSA Coalition as we gear up for the upcoming FAFSA season!

This FREE event will feature distinguished state and national speakers and informative breakout sessions on the latest FAFSA updates. Breakfast, lunch and free parking will be provided.

This event is tailored for high school counselors, college and career specialists, educators, and college access professionals. Gain the essential skills and knowledge required to skillfully guide students and families through the new FAFSA form process, ensuring their access to helpful financial aid resources. You will also have the opportunity to explore the value and benefits of AzCAN.

DATE
Friday, December 1, 2023

TIME
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

LOCATION
ASU West Campus
4791 W. Thunderbird Rd.
Glendale, AZ 85306

COST
Free. Breakfast, lunch and parking are provided.

QUESTIONS
For any questions please contact julia.baine@azregents.edu or jmurphy@educationforwardarizona.org

REGISTER HERE

Scan to Register!

This FREE event will include:

- The latest 2023-25 FAFSA Updates and Resources
- State and National Guest Speakers
- Professional Development Opportunities and Networking
- Informative FAFSA and College Readiness Breakout Sessions
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