



## YOUR FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID (FSA ID)

In order to sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), access your student loan records, and conduct business related to your federal student financial aid, you need a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). Go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov> to create your ID before you start the FAFSA.

At least one of your parents also will need to create a valid FSA ID too. That way, you and your parent can provide information needed on the FAFSA.

The FSA ID you and your parent set up separately will serve as your legal signatures for:

- Completing and signing your FAFSA every year you are in college and reapplying for financial aid
- Checking your student loan records once you receive federal loans or other federal student aid.

Neither you nor your parent should share your FSA IDs with anyone.

Here're some FSA ID tips to help you keep this important information safe.

1. Create a FSA ID using only your own personal information and for your own exclusive use.
2. Do not create a FSA ID on behalf of someone else, even a family member. Parents should not set up a FSA ID for the student or vice versa. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government (such as creating a FSA ID for someone else) could result in criminal or civil penalties.
3. Create your FSA ID and challenge questions using information you are likely to remember or that you know won't change.
4. If you think you might forget your information, write down hints to help you remember.
  - a. For example, if your FSA ID is your first initial and last name, your hint could be something like "FI&LastName."
  - b. Then safely store that hint in your phone (or another special place) so only you will know how to retrieve your FSA ID or challenge questions.