September Spotlight:

The FSA ID

Before starting the FAFSA, dependent students and at least one of their parents will need to create an FSA ID. The Federal Student Aid ID lets you access and electronically sign the FAFSA. It also provides a gateway to the Department of Education's online systems. A confirmed FSA ID is now required before starting the FAFSA. Encourage your students and parents to create theirs today! For more information on the FSA ID, check out StartWithFAFSA.org!
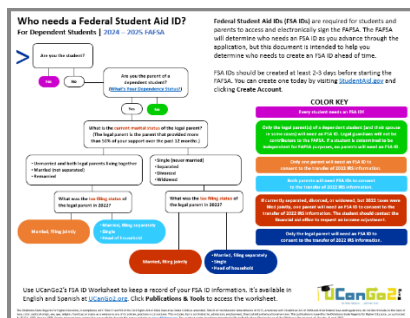
Publication Feature

Who Needs an FSA ID?

The requirements for the FSA ID have been revised. Review UCanGo2's Who Needs a Federal Student Aid ID? flowchart to see if one or both parents of a dependent student must create an FSA ID before starting the 2024-25 FAFSA.

Here's what you need to know:

FSA ID WORKSHEET
FAFSA.gov

Federal Student Aid IDs are required for students and parents to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. Parent(s) of dependent students will also need to create an FSA ID. KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE.

1 ENTER AN EMAIL ADDRESS _____
The email address must be unique to each individual. You will not be able to use the same email address for student and parent. DO NOT use high school email accounts.

2 CREATE A USERNAME _____
Must be 6-30 characters. Avoid using personal identifiers like your name or birthdate.

3 CREATE A PASSWORD _____
Must be 8-30 characters and contain upper- and lowercase letters and numbers. Avoid personal identifiers.

4 COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE
1. Enter your Social Security number
2. Enter your birthdate
3. Enter your name exactly as it is listed on your social security card
Social Security matches are confirmed within 1 to 3 days. Errors can cause delays.

5 CHALLENGE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
There are four challenge questions and answers. Select the questions from drop down menus and provide your answers below.
1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

6 VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS & MOBILE PHONE NUMBER
FSA will send an email with a code that must be entered to verify your email address. FSA will send a text message with a code used to verify your mobile phone number.

7 COMPLETE THE TWO-STEP VERIFICATION PROCESS
To verify the information used to create the FSA ID, you'll need to set up at least one verification method to utilize two-step verification. Use one of these options: SMS Text, Email or download an Authenticator app.

8 KEEP TRACK OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS
A backup code will be generated when you create your FSA ID account or when you enable two-step verification. The backup code lets you access your account if you can't use the two-step verification method. If it gets lost, log in to your account and select "Generate a New Backup Code" under "Two-Step Verification" in Settings. Contact Federal Student Aid at 1-800-4-FED-AID for assistance. Save your backup code here: _____

- It can take up to 3 days for an FSA ID to be confirmed.
- Every person contributing information on the FAFSA must have an FSA ID.
- A dependent student's married parents who filed their taxes separately must each create an FSA ID.
- Use the FSA ID Worksheet to keep track of your information when creating the FSA ID.
- FSA ID Worksheets are available in English and Spanish.
- Create your FSA ID now!

Creating an FSA ID?

If you need assistance on creating your FSA ID, the Department of Education has created a video called How to Create an Account and Username (FSA ID) for StudentAid.gov. This quick video will provide step-by-step guidance in clear and precise language as you set up your FSA ID.

2024-25 FAFSA

The release date for the 2024-25 FAFSA is still to be determined, but should be available sometime this December. Next year, and moving forward, the FAFSA will return to its usual release date of October 1.

Please continue to check in at UCanGo2.org and StartWithFAFSA.org for our newest publications. As soon as we have the official FAFSA release date and information to update our FAFSA flyers, we'll let you know.
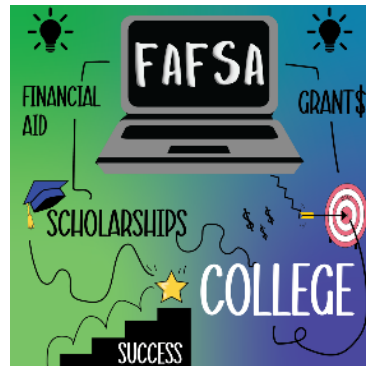
College Application Week

Join the hundreds of high schools, libraries and community groups in Oklahoma that have hosted a College Application Week! The objective is to give every senior an opportunity to submit an online college application while volunteers stand by to assist. Visit OKCollegeAppWeek.org to learn more and register.

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