

# CREATING A STUDENTAID.GOV ACCOUNT

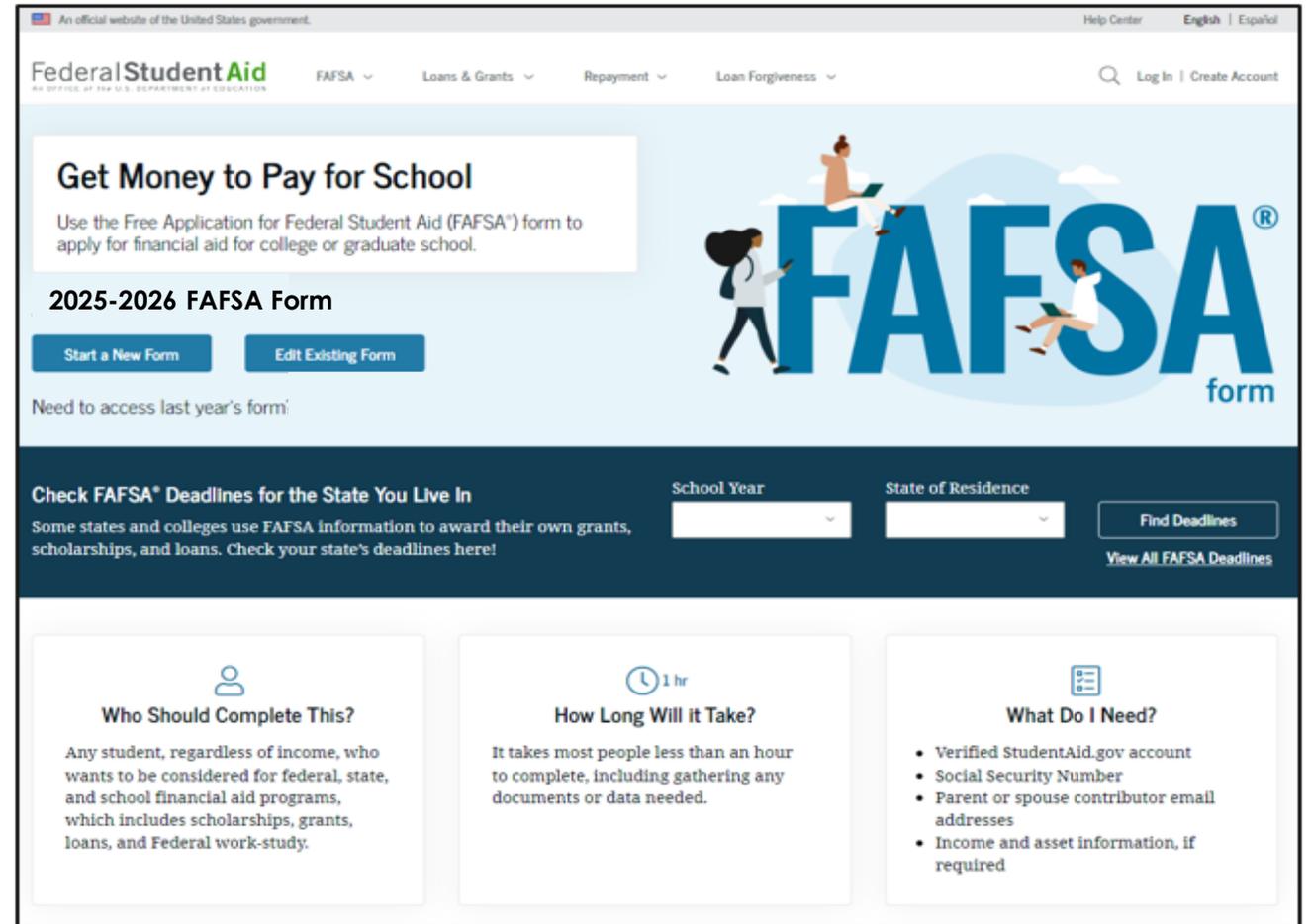


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# FAFSA

- The FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is your first step in applying for federal and state financial aid programs.
- Complete the FAFSA every year for financial aid to help with college expenses.
- Find the 2025-26 FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) on or before December 1, 2024.
- To access and sign the FAFSA, students and parents will need to create a StudentAid.gov account at [StudentAid.gov](https://StudentAid.gov).



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it says "An official website of the United States government." and "Federal Student Aid" with navigation links for "FAFSA", "Loans & Grants", "Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". There are also links for "Help Center", "English | Español", "Log In", and "Create Account". The main heading is "Get Money to Pay for School" with a sub-heading "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." Below this is the "2025-2026 FAFSA Form" section with buttons for "Start a New Form" and "Edit Existing Form". A section titled "Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In" includes dropdown menus for "School Year" and "State of Residence", a "Find Deadlines" button, and a link to "View All FAFSA Deadlines". Three informational boxes are at the bottom: "Who Should Complete This?" (Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs, which includes scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal work-study.), "How Long Will it Take?" (It takes most people less than an hour to complete, including gathering any documents or data needed.), and "What Do I Need?" (Verified StudentAid.gov account, Social Security Number, Parent or spouse contributor email addresses, and Income and asset information, if required).



# Why should you complete the FAFSA?

Used to determine your eligibility for financial aid

Also used to apply for some forms of state aid

Required each year for Oklahoma's Promise scholarship recipients

New graduation requirement for all 2024-25 public high school seniors



# FAFSA Facts

The high school class of 2023 left more than \$4 billion in Pell Grants on the table by not completing the FAFSA.

By 2031, 72% of jobs in the U.S. will require postsecondary education and/or training.

Seniors who complete the FAFSA are 84% more likely to immediately enroll in postsecondary education.



# StudentAid.gov Account

Create your  
StudentAid.gov account  
today!



- Username and password
- Serves as your electronic signature
- Student and parent will each create their own StudentAid.gov account
- Will take up to a week to confirm your StudentAid.gov account
- Will be used each year to renew your FAFSA
- Create your account at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)



**Instrucciones para sacar una cuenta de StudentAid.gov**  

**STUDENTAID.GOV ACCOUNT WORKSHEET** 

**FAFSA.gov**  
StudentAid.gov accounts are required for students and parents to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. Parent(s) of dependent students will also need to create an account. *KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE.*

- 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.
- CREATE A USERNAME**  
Must be 6-30 characters. Avoid using personal identifiers like your name or birthdate.
- CREATE A PASSWORD**  
Must be 8-30 characters and contain upper- and lowercase letters and numbers. Avoid personal identifiers.
- COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE**  
1. Enter your Social Security number, if you have one. Parents without Social Security numbers can create their own StudentAid.gov accounts.  
2. Enter your birthdate  
3. Enter your name exactly as it is listed on your social security card  
StudentAid.gov accounts are confirmed within 3 to 5 days. Errors can cause delays.
- 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. \_\_\_\_\_
- 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.
- COMPLETE THE TWO-STEP VERIFICATION PROCESS**  
To verify the information used to create your StudentAid.gov account username and password, 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.
- KEEP TRACK OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS**  
A backup code will be generated when you create your 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# StudentAid.gov Account Worksheet

- Visit [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org) to print the StudentAid.gov Account Worksheet in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
- As you set up your account username and password, you can record your information here for future reference.
- Be sure to keep the worksheet in a safe place.



# You will need these items to set up your StudentAid.gov Account

- Full, legal name
- Date of birth
- Social Security number
- Home address
- Email address; don't use your school email address
- You can set up a free email account at one of these sites –
  - Gmail
  - Outlook
  - Yahoo
  - AOL mail
- Download a two-factor authentication app –
  - Google Authenticator
  - Duo Mobile



## 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 (FSA ID) is true and correct and that I'm the individual 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 might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month  Day  Year

Social Security Number

Note: A user can only have one account associated with his or her Social Security number.

# Personal Information

Enter your name exactly how it appears on your Social Security card.

Enter the correct month, date and year of your birth.

Enter your Social Security Number accurately.



# Username and Password

Username can be 6-30 characters long—a combination of letters and numbers. Not case sensitive.

Create and confirm your password; 8-30 characters long—a combination of numbers, upper- and lowercase letters.

Choose 'Show Password' to see the information you're entering.

**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  ?

Email Address  ?

Confirm Email Address  ?

Password  Show Password ?

- ✓ Uppercase
- ✓ Lowercase
- ✓ Number
- ✓ 8+ characters

Confirm Password  Show Password ?

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# Contact Information

- Enter your complete home address
- Enter and confirm your mobile phone number. (You can't use the same cell phone number as your parent.) Your confirmation gives Federal Student Aid permission to send you a secure code if you should need to reset your password.

**Permanent Address**

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Address

City

State

ZIP Code

**Mobile Phone Account Access**

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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

Confirm Mobile Phone

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

**Alternate Phone Number (Optional)**

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[Add Alternate Phone Number](#)



# Contact Information

- Choose how you would like to receive communication about your FAFSA
  - Email
  - Postal Mail
  - Text
- You can also request to have your FAFSA information provided in English or Spanish

Create an Account

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### 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

**i** By selecting this option, you agree to receive required communications by email and confirm you have reviewed and agree to FSA'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 out 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



# Challenge Questions

Create an Account

Step 5 of 7

### Challenge Questions

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

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

**Challenge Question 1**

Question  
Select

Answer  
Show Answer

**Challenge Question 2**

Question  
Select

Answer  
Show Answer

**Challenge Question 3**

Question  
Select

Answer  
Show Answer

**Challenge Question 4**

Question  
Select

Answer  
Show Answer

Choose four different challenge questions and enter each of your answers under the corresponding question.



## 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 [Edit](#)

NAME  
Trikey T Triddle

DATE OF BIRTH  
10/16/2004

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
\*\*\*\*-8888

### Account Information [Edit](#)

USERNAME  
TTTriddle2004

EMAIL ADDRESS  
tttriddle@gmail.com

PASSWORD  
\*\*\*\*\*

### Contact Information [Edit](#)

PERMANENT ADDRESS  
1003 35th Street  
Woodward, OK 73717

MOBILE PHONE  
(405) 256-2832

### Communication Preferences [Edit](#)

REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS  
Email

OPTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS  
Email

LANGUAGE  
English

### Challenge Questions

CHALLENGE QUESTION 1  
What city were you born in?  
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CHALLENGE QUESTION 2  
In what city did your parents meet?  
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CHALLENGE QUESTION 3  
What color was your first car?  
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CHALLENGE QUESTION 4  
What is your mother's maiden name?  
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# Confirm & Verify

Confirm and verify the information you've provided is accurate.



# Verify Email & Phone Number

Student Aid will send a code to your cell phone and/or your email address. You'll provide the code here to set up your StudentAid.gov account. The code will serve as confirmation of the information you've provided.

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## Account Recovery

Only a verified email address OR a verified mobile phone number is required, but if you provided both on previous screens, you **MUST** verify both below.

 Verify My Mobile Phone Number 

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# Two-Step Authentication

Installing an Authenticator App isn't required, but it's recommended as an added way to keep your information safe and secure.

You can download your own Authenticator App, or set one up directly from the StudentAid.gov account creation screen.

Federal Student Aid | FAFSA Form | Loans and Grants | Loan Repayment | Loan Forgiveness | Log In | Create Account

## Create an Account

Step 7 of 7  
Enable Two-Step Verification

**Protect Your Account with Two-Step Verification**

Whenever you sign in, we'll send a verification code to make sure it's really you. To keep your account protected, make sure your email is verified. We also suggest setting up verification using a secure authenticator app.

Your verified method(s) can now be used to log in.

**Email Verification**  
student@gmail.com  **Verify**

**Use an Authenticator App (Most Secure Option)**

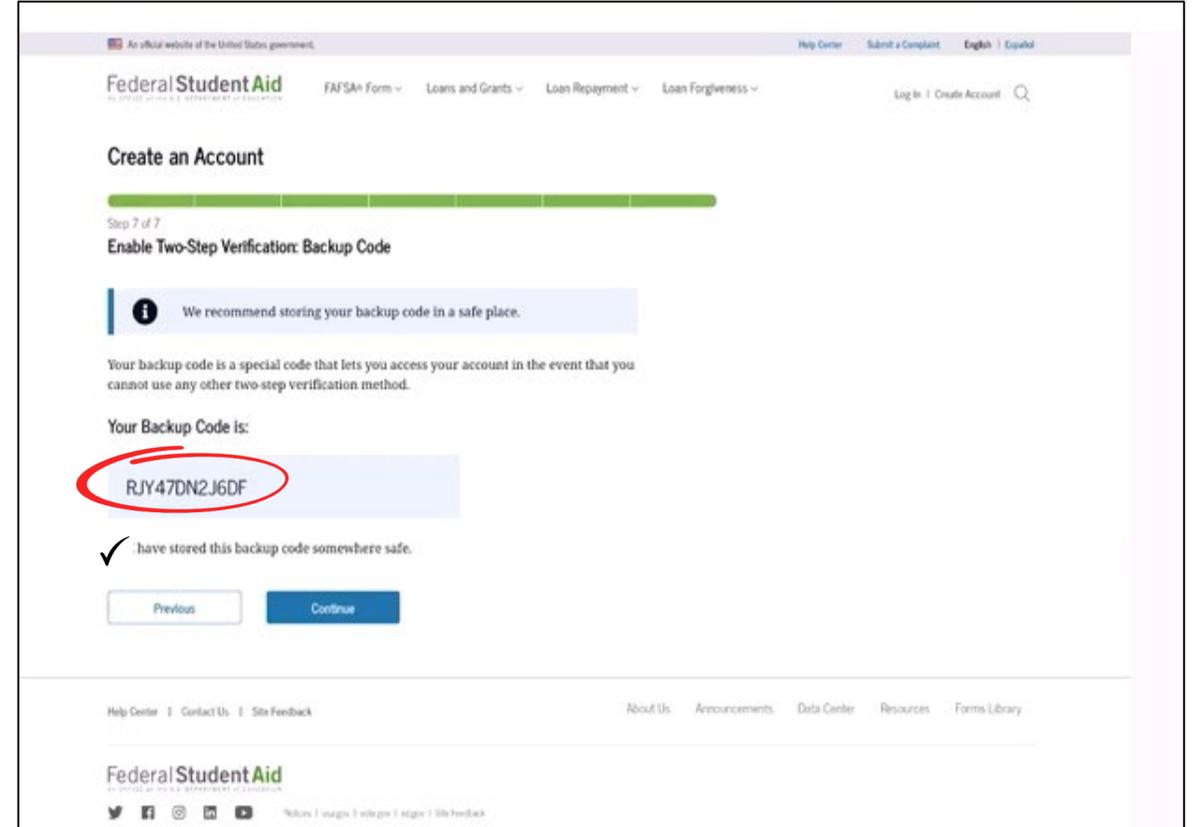
Use an authenticator app that you've downloaded from a mobile app store to view in-app verification codes — visible only to you — that can confirm your identity when you log in. [Learn more.](#)

**Set Up an Authenticator App**



# Backup Code

- When your two-step authentication has been set up, you'll receive a backup code.
- This is the code you'll use to login when you no longer have access to any of the methods you've just set up.
- Store the code in a safe place.



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### Create an Account

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#### Enable Two-Step Verification: Backup Code

**i** We recommend storing your backup code in a safe place.

Your backup code is a special code that lets you access your account in the event that you cannot use any other two-step verification method.

Your Backup Code is:

**RJY47DN2J6DF**

I have stored this backup code somewhere safe.

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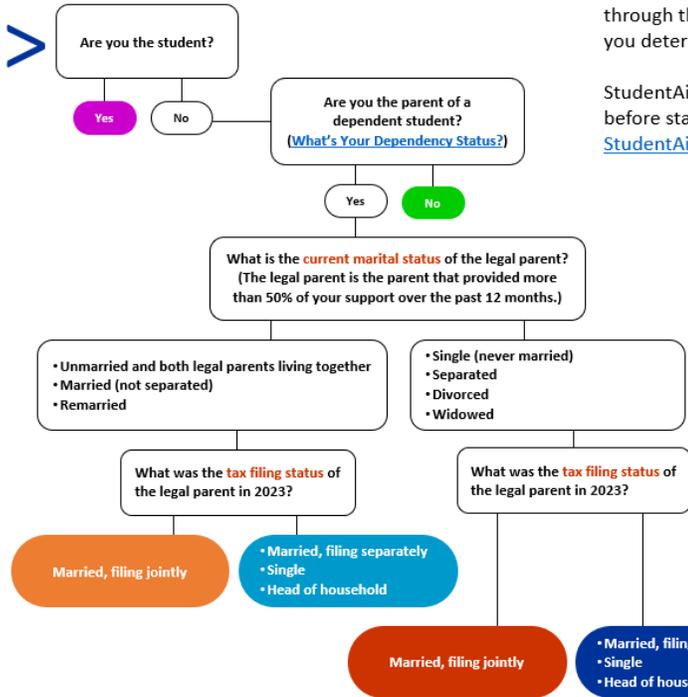
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## Who needs a StudentAid.gov Account?

For Dependent Students | 2025 – 2026 FAFSA



StudentAid.gov accounts are required for students and parents to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. The FAFSA will determine who needs a StudentAid.gov account as you advance through the application, but this document is intended to help you determine who needs to create an account ahead of time.

StudentAid.gov accounts should be created at least a week before starting the FAFSA. You can create one today by visiting [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and clicking **Create Account**.

### COLOR KEY

Every student needs a StudentAid.gov account!

Only the legal parent(s) of a dependent student (and their spouse in some cases) will need a StudentAid.gov account. Legal guardians will not be contributors to the FAFSA. If a student is determined to be independent for FAFSA purposes, no parents will need a StudentAid.gov account.

Only one parent will need a StudentAid.gov account to consent to the transfer of 2023 IRS information.

Both parents will need StudentAid.gov accounts to consent to the transfer of 2023 IRS information.

If currently separated, divorced, or widowed, but 2023 taxes were filed jointly, one parent will need a StudentAid.gov account to consent to the transfer of 2023 IRS information. The student should contact the financial aid office to request an income adjustment.

Only the legal parent will need a StudentAid.gov account to consent to the transfer of 2023 IRS information.

Use UCanGo2's StudentAid.gov Account Worksheet to keep a record of your account information. It's available in English and Spanish at [UCanGo2.org](https://ucango2.org). Click **Publications & Tools** to access the worksheet.



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# Who Needs a StudentAid.gov Account? Flowchart

[UCanGo2.org](https://ucango2.org)



# Where Can I Use My StudentAid.gov Account?

- Confirmation of your StudentAid.gov account can take up to a week.
- Once your account has been confirmed, you can use it to sign your FAFSA and access other Federal Student Aid websites.
  - Complete student loan paperwork and the Master Promissory Note (MPN)
  - Student loan entrance and exit counseling
  - Monitor student loan balances
  - Apply for student loan discharge under certain circumstances



# Creating My StudentAid.gov Account

[StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov)



# Completing the FAFSA

- The FAFSA for the 2025-26 school year will be available on or before December 1, 2024.
- Find the FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov).
- Fill this form out every year to meet your high school graduation requirement.
- When completing the FAFSA, it's best to have your parents with you. They will need to include some of their personal information.



# Information you may need to complete the FAFSA

Social Security Numbers  
for student and parent

Email addresses for student  
and parent

Alien Registration Number  
if not a U.S. citizen

Full, legal name for student  
and parent

Cell phone numbers for  
student and parent

2023 Federal Income Tax  
return for student and  
parent

Date of birth for student  
and parent

Date of marriage, divorce,  
separation

Value of assets, cash and  
savings



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