

# FSA ID Questions

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## **What is an FSA ID (Federal Student Aid Identification), and will I need it to complete the FAFSA?**

Yes, the [FSA ID](#) allows students and parents to identify themselves electronically to access Federal Student Aid Websites and to provide consent for FAFSA to access their tax information directly from the IRS.

Before you can start your FAFSA, your FSA ID must be verified by the Social Security Administration, which can take several days – so create your FSA ID early.

If you do not have an [FSA ID](#), you will need to create one, preferably with an email you check regularly.

Returning students and parents, who already have an FSA ID, are encouraged to log in and review their information to ensure it is correct.

## **Who should create an FSA ID?**

All students and parent(s) of record need to have an [FSA ID](#).

To determine your Parent of record, at the time of FAFSA Completion, if your parent(s) are:

- Married and filed a joint tax return, only one parent will need an FSA User ID
- Married but filed separate tax returns, both parents will need an FSA User IDs
- Divorced/Separated, the parent who provides more than 50% of the financial support for the student, regardless of who the student lives with, will need an FSA User ID

## **What should I do if my parents do not have a Social Security Number?**

Your parent will need to create an [FSA ID](#), for more information visit this [LINK](#)

## **2024-2025 FAFSA Information**

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### **When is the 2024-25 FAFSA (Free Application For Student Aid) going to be available?**

The 24-25 FAFSA was released by a soft opening on December 31, 2023. You may experience outages during the soft launch period.

The deadline for Missouri residents to submit their FAFSA for the Missouri Access Grant has been extended until April 1, 2024.

### **Where do I complete the FAFSA?**

[Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

Before submitting your FAFSA, both the student and parent of record must have an FSA User ID and complete their individual sections. The last individual, student or parent, completing the FAFSA, will be the one to submit the application electronically.

### **What do I need to apply for the FAFSA?**

1. FSA ID and Password (Both student and parent(s) must have their own unique ID)
2. Social Security Number
3. 2022 Federal Income Tax information or Tax Returns with W-2 information
4. Driver's License
5. If dependent student (most students are): Parent's date of birth, Social Security number, marital status, date parent was married, divorced, or widowed, parent email address
6. Alien Registration Card (if eligible non-citizen)
7. Foreign Tax Return and /or Tax Return from Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, The Marshall Islands, The Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau
8. Records for Untaxed Income
9. Information on Cash; savings and checking balances, investments (stocks, bonds, real estate) and business and farm assets

### **What should I do if my parents do not have a Social Security Number?**

Non US citizens will now be required to set up a FSA user ID, parents can no longer submit signature pages to process their FAFSA application.

### **How Will I Transfer My Tax Data on the FAFSA?**

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool is now being replaced by the Financial Aid-Future Act Data Direct Exchange (FA-DDX)

Your FSA User ID will now serve as your consent for FAFSA to access your tax information directly from the IRS

If you do not provide consent, your student will not be eligible for federal aid.