Creating your FSA ID

The FSA ID (a username and password) has replaced the PIN and must be used to log into certain Federal Student Aid (FSA) web sites. The FSA ID confirms your identity and allows you to electronically sign FSA documents.

Step One: Go to www.FSAID.ed.gov

What you'll need to get started:

- An active email address
- Social Security Number
- Name, as it appears on your Social Security Card
- Date of Birth
- PIN (only if you had a PIN under a previous FAFSA)
- Pen and Paper!
- Dependent students: your parents will also need the above to create their own FSA ID

Step Two: Creating your login

Enter your email address and create a username and password

My username is: __________________________

Create your password using at least 3 of these:

- Number
- Uppercase
- Lowercase
- Special Characters (#, !, $, etc)
- 8-30 Characters

My password is: __________________________

Password is accepted when it says “Criteria Met”
Step Three: Personal Identification Information

Carefully type your:
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Name as it appears on your Social Security Card

Review your information - Make sure everything is on this page is accurate

Step Four: Challenge Questions

You will select and create questions with answers for this step. Tip: use the "show text" box to see what you are typing.

Step Five: Verify Your Email

You will use the secure code that is emailed to the address you provided.

Link your PIN Number - If you previously had a PIN number, providing this will bypass the 1-3 days it takes for FSA to verify your information with the Social Security Administration.

If you don’t have a PIN, this process takes 1-3 business days.