

## **Which Financial Aid application should you complete?**



Were you born in the U.S.?

If yes, complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): **[fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)**

Were you born outside of the U.S., but are a U.S. citizen?

If yes, complete the FAFSA: **[fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)**

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Were you born outside of the U.S., and obtained a Social Security Number that states "For Employment Only" or was granted through DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival)?

If yes, complete the Dream Act application: **[caldreamact.org](https://caldreamact.org)**

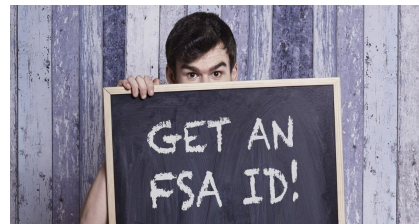
Were you born outside of the US, and plan AB 540 requirements?

- Attend a California high school for at least 3 full years
- Graduate from a California high school, or obtain General Equivalency Diploma (GED), or pass the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE)
- Enroll in an accredited and qualified California college or university
- If applicable, file an affidavit to legalize immigration status

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## What is an FSA ID?

An FSA ID is a username and password that you use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education (ED) websites. Your FSA ID identifies you as someone who has the right to access your own personal information on ED websites such as the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).



If you are a parent of a dependent student, you will need your own FSA ID if you want to sign your child's FAFSA electronically. If you have more than one child attending college, you can use the same FSA ID to sign all applications. *Please note: Each FSA ID user must have a unique e-mail address.*

## When should I get an FSA ID?

**Now!** It takes up to 3 business days for your FSA ID to be verified. ***Parents will not be able to use the \*Data Retrieval Tool\* when they file your FAFSA & their taxes if they don't have a verified FSA ID.***

You, and your parent if you're a dependent student, can apply for an FSA ID at any time. If you don't have one by the time you fill out your FAFSA, you will be prompted to apply for one. However, if you think the Social Security Administration (SSA) might have the wrong name or date of birth for you in its records, go to [www.ssa.gov](https://www.ssa.gov) now to find out how to correct any errors. Your information must be correct with the SSA before your FAFSA or FSA ID can be processed.

## How do I get an FSA ID?

You can create an FSA ID when logging into certain ED websites, including this one. [Create an FSA ID now.](#)

The FSA ID process consists of three main steps:

### Enter your Log-in information

- Provide your e-mail address, a unique username, and password, and verify that you are at least 13 years old.

### Enter your personal information

- Provide your Social Security number, name, and date of birth.
- Include your mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and language preference.
- For security purposes, provide answers to five challenging questions.

### Submit your FSA ID information

- Agree to the terms and conditions.
- Verify your e-mail address. (This is optional, but helpful. By verifying your e-mail address, you can use your e-mail address as your username when logging into certain ED websites. This verification also allows you to retrieve your username or reset your password without answering challenge questions.)

*You can avoid the hassle of updating your FAFSA in the spring! **\*The Data Retrieval Tool** automatically retrieves parent tax information when they fill*

Students with a Social Security Number, Which looks like this:



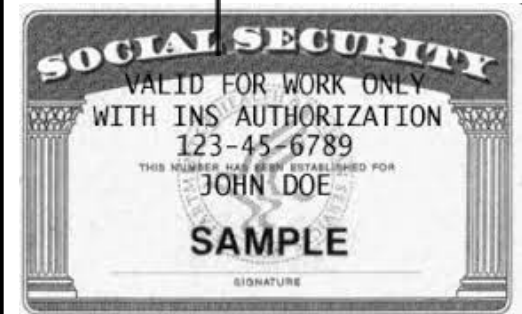
Use the FAFSA application

Students with an Alien Registration Number on a Green Card which looks like this:



Use the FAFSA application

Students with an ITIN number from DACA, which looks like this:



Or



Use the Dream Act application

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