

How to Create a Student Aid Account- Parent

Name: _____

If a student is a [dependent student](#), they will need one or both parents to contribute to their FAFSA. Review our [FAFSA Checklist](#) before creating an account.

1. Go to studentaid.gov

- You will need your date of birth, Social Security number (if you have one), home address, personal email address, and phone number. If you do not have a Social Security number, you will indicate that by clicking a checkbox. For the 2027-28 FAFSA cycle, a parent without a Social Security number does not have to verify their identity.
- If you have a Social Security number, be careful to enter your name and Social Security number exactly as they appear on your Social Security card.

2. Create username _____ and password _____

- Your password must be between 8 and 30 characters in length, and it must contain at least one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, and one number. You can't use personal identifiers such as your first or last name, date of birth, or a Social Security number in your password.
- Remember, your password is case-sensitive.

3. Enter in your email address _____ and phone # _____

- Do not use a work email, your student's email, or any shared email account.
- Include a phone number to help with account recovery and two-step verification. A phone number can be used with up to five accounts.
- Use an email address and phone number that you can immediately access. Providing these makes it easier to unlock your account, retrieve your forgotten username, or reset your forgotten password.

4. Store your backup code for multi-factor authentication: _____

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