Creating and Using the FSA ID

What's an FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username and password you use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems, including the myStudentAid mobile app, fafsa.gov, StudentAid.gov, and StudentLoans.gov. The FSA ID is your legal signature and shouldn't be created or used by anyone other than you—not even your parent, your child, a school official, or a loan company representative. You'll use your FSA ID every year you fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form and for the lifetime of your federal student loans.

How do I get an FSA ID?

Visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid to create an FSA ID. You'll need your Social Security number, full name, and date of birth. You'll also need to create a memorable username and password, and provide answers to some challenge questions so you can retrieve your account information if you forget it.

You'll be required to either provide your email address or to provide your mobile phone number and opt-in to messaging when you make your FSA ID. Providing a mobile phone number and/or email address that you have access to will make it easier to log in to ED online systems, unlock your account, retrieve your forgotten username, or reset your forgotten password.

Important: Each email address or mobile phone number can be used with only one FSA ID. If you share an email address with someone else, then only one of you will be able to use that email address to create an FSA ID. This applies to your mobile phone number too.

FSA ID Tips

• One of your parents might need an FSA ID as well. If you need to provide information about your parents on the FAFSA® form, one of your parents will have to sign the form. Your parent can create an FSA ID and then sign the FAFSA form electronically using that FSA ID. Not sure whether you'll need to put your parents' information on the FAFSA form? Check out StudentAid.gov/dependency. Remember: You should create your own FSA ID, and your parent should create his or her own FSA ID. Also, make sure to use the correct FSA ID when signing the FAFSA form electronically.

• When you first create your FSA ID, use of your FSA ID will be restricted to completing, signing, and submitting an original (first-time) FAFSA form. You'll have to wait one to three days for your information to be confirmed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) before you can use your FSA ID for other actions, such as submitting a FAFSA Renewal or signing a Master Promissory Note. If you provided an email address, then you'll receive an email letting you know that your information was successfully matched with the SSA and you can use your FSA ID for all of its purposes.

• If you forget your FSA ID username or password, look for links, such as "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password," at the log-in pages of our online systems. These links will direct you to web pages where you can request a secure code to be texted to your verified mobile phone number or emailed to your verified email address. The secure code will allow you to retrieve your username or reset your password. You can also retrieve your username or reset your password by successfully answering your challenge questions. Remember: If you verified your email address or mobile phone number during account creation, you can enter your email address or mobile phone number instead of your username.

Learn more about the FSA ID at StudentAid.gov/fsaid. Find this fact sheet at StudentAid.gov/resources#fsaid.
Asset net worth

Asset net worth means current value of the assets minus what is owed on those assets.

Assets include:
- Money in cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Businesses (with more than 100 employees)
- Investment farms
- Other investments, such as real estate (other than the home in which you live), UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the owner, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

Assets do not include:
- The home in which you live
- UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner
- The value of life insurance
- Retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.)
Who is a legal parent?

A legal parent includes a biological or adoptive parent, or a person that the state has determined to be your parent (for example, when a state allows another person’s name to be listed as a parent on a birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, widowed stepparents, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you.

Use the table below to determine whose information to provide on the FAFSA based on your parents’ marital status.

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<th>Marital Status</th>
<th>Information to Provide</th>
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<tr>
<td>Never Married</td>
<td>The parent that you lived with most during the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, provide information about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.</td>
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<td>Unmarried and both legal parents living together</td>
<td>Both of your legal parents</td>
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<td>Married</td>
<td>Both of your parents</td>
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<td>Remarried (after being widowed or divorced)</td>
<td>Parent and Stepparent</td>
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<td>Divorced or Separated</td>
<td>The parent that you lived with most during the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, provide information about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.</td>
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<td>Widowed</td>
<td>Your parent</td>
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

FAFSA HELP IS AVAILABLE AT OUR SCHOOL STARTING OCTOBER 2, 2019.

The 2020 – 2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open on October 1, 2019. Your child must complete and submit the FAFSA to find out if he/she/ze is eligible for the Pell Grant, Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Federal Student Loans, and/or Federal Work Study funds. Additionally, many colleges and universities require FAFSA submission to determine if students are eligible for state aid and/or institutional aid.

Students are responsible for knowing the FAFSA/financial aid deadlines at the colleges and universities they are applying for admission. When in doubt, call the institution’s financial aid office.

Our College Now advisor, Ms. Zeilinger, can help your child and you complete and file the FAFSA. She will also be able to help your child and you navigate any financial aid paperwork that may be required (tax transcripts, verification, etc.), help your child and you understand financial aid award letters.

Ms. Zeilinger will be at our school starting October 2. Most of the dates are Wednesdays, excepting two Thursdays in October. The full calendar of dates and times is on the other side of this letter. There is at least one evening day each month. PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE TWO EVENING DATES IN OCTOBER, Oct. 10th (our regular evening hours) and Oct. 24, day one of Conferences for Parents/Guardians & Teachers.

Students, parents, and guardians are encouraged to use Sign-Up Genius to schedule a FAFSA appointment. PLEASE NOTE: Parental financial information is required to complete the FAFSA. Students should make appointments after confirming that a parent or guardian can attend the appointment. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to have their child/children attend the FAFSA appointment. Students can be excused from class as necessary.

To make an appointment, visit https://tinyurl.com/vxkwsmr4 The password is Aldersyde.

If you have questions or would prefer to not use the online scheduling tool, please call Mrs. Williams at 216.295.4351 to set-up an appointment.

Sincerely,

The SHHS School Counseling Department
2019 - 2020 SHHS College Now Schedule
ALL DATES ARE WEDNESDAYS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

OCTOBER 2 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
OCTOBER 10 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Thursday & evening)
OCTOBER 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (PSAT)
OCTOBER 24 – 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Thursday during Conference day)
OCTOBER 30 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 6 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 13 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (evening)
NOVEMBER 20 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 4 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 18 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

JANUARY 8 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
JANUARY 22 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
JANUARY 29 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 19 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MARCH 4 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
MARCH 18 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

APRIL 8 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
APRIL 15 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
APRIL 29 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.