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# The Free FSA ID Setup Guide

*Step by Step Instructions on how to sign up for the  
Department of Education's new secure login system*

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To get started, after going to studentloans.gov, click the link next to the red arrow below.

The screenshot shows the StudentLoans.gov website interface. At the top, the URL is https://studentloans.gov. The header includes the 'Federal Student Aid' logo, the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND™', and the 'StudentLoans.gov' logo with 'English | Español' language options. A navigation bar contains links for 'Getting Loans', 'Tools and Resources', 'Managing Repayment', 'FAQs', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a large image of diverse students. Overlaid on this image is a white box containing the FSA ID login and creation options. The 'Create an FSA ID' link is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it. Below the login fields, there is a link for 'Forgot Username or Password?' and a note: 'Click this link to get started.' A footer section includes icons for 'Graduate/Professional Students', 'Parent Borrowers', and 'Repayment and Consolidation'. Below this, there are sections for 'What Can I Do When I Log In?' with a list of actions and 'Watch to Learn More!' with a video thumbnail titled 'MYTH #5'.

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FSA ID Username or E-mail Address

FSA ID Password

**Create an FSA ID** ←

[Forgot Username or Password?](#) **Click this link to get started.**

For assistance, call 1-800-557-7394.

Graduate/Professional Students | Parent Borrowers | Repayment and Consolidation

What Can I Do When I Log In?

- ▶ Complete Entrance Counseling
- ▶ Complete Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- ▶ Complete Financial Awareness Counseling

Watch to Learn More!

MYTH #5

This is the first page you'll see after clicking on "Create my FSA ID" from the studentloans.gov website. Create your login, then click Continue (at the bottom of the page, not shown here)

## Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

\* Required

Create An FSA ID

Edit My FSA ID

E-mail



Confirm E-mail



Username \*



Password \*



Numbers  Uppercase Letters  Lowercase Letters  Special Characters  8-30 Characters  Show Text

- [Edit My FSA ID](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## Personal Identification Information

To apply for an FSA ID, complete the information below and select CONTINUE

I understand that I will be required to certify that the information that I provide to obtain an FSA ID is true and correct and that I am the individual who I claim to be. If I am not that person who I claim to be, I understand that I am not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I may be fined, sent to prison for not more than five years, or both.



Next, you will be prompted to enter your SSN, name, and DOB. (Only use this login for your own federal loans as the penalties for logging in on someone else's account are severe)

Social Security Number \*

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Date of Birth \*

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name \*

CANCEL

PREVIOUS

CONTINUE



\* Required

## Link Your PIN to Your FSA ID

Next, you will see a page confirming your entry and giving you the option to link your previous FAFSA PIN. Click verify after entering it, or click "Forgot my PIN" to retrieve a duplicate.

Enter your Federal Student Aid PIN below and select VERIFY to link it to your FSA ID. If you do not remember your PIN, select Help (?) for more details or use the Forgot My PIN link.

By linking your PIN to your FSA ID, you will be able to use your new FSA ID with all FSA systems immediately.

If you do not want to link your PIN to your FSA ID, then select CONTINUE WITHOUT PIN. We will send your information to the Social Security Administration (SSA) for verification. This takes 1-3 days, during which time you will not be able to access many FSA systems. We will send you an e-mail once the SSA match is complete.



\* Required

Social Security Number:

\*\*\*-\*\*-\*\*\*\*

PIN \*

XXXX



Date of Birth:

MM/DD/YYYY

[Forgot My PIN](#)

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name:

Andy Weber



VERIFY

CANCEL

PREVIOUS

CONTINUE WITHOUT PIN

You can also continue without the PIN, but as mentioned above it will take longer to verify.

## Profile Information

First, review the information you have provided carefully. Mistakes can cause delays or problems with the disbursement or repayment of financial aid.

Then complete the additional questions below. Select CONTINUE to proceed.



If you've clicked Verify or Continue without PIN, you will now be at the first step of the "Profile" stage. After selecting a username and password, click Continue. (not pictured)

\* Required

Your PIN information has been imported into your FSA ID application. You should review the information and make sure it is up to date.

Social Security Number: \*\*\*-\*\*-\*\*\*\*

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name:

Andy

Weber

Date of Birth:

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Username \*

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Password \*

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## Challenge Questions And Answers

Now comes the fun part. You get to select a couple random Challenge questions, and then create your own.

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them and to unlock your account. Provide the challenge questions and answers below and select CONTINUE.



*\* Required*

Challenge Question 1 \*

Select Your Question



Answer 1 \*



Show Text

Challenge Question 2 \*

Select Your Question



Answer 2 \*



Show Text

Challenge Question 3 \*

Create Your Own Question Here



Answer 3 \*



Show Text

Challenge Question 4 \*

Create Your Own Question Here



Challenge Question 1 \*

What city were you born in? ?

Answer 1 \*

..... ?

Show Text

Challenge Question 2 \*

Who was your first boss? ?

Answer 2 \*

..... ?

Show Text

Challenge Question 3 \*

Who is the greatest Pride MMA champion of all time ?

Answer 3 \*

?

Show Text

Challenge Question 4 \*

How did I get my first chokeout in grappling ?

Answer 4 \*

?

Show Text

Challenge Question 5 (Used to access your information over the phone) \*

Type a significant date in your life (MM/DD/YYYY) ?

Answer 5 \*

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Show Text

After you select your first two Challenge Questions and then create two more, it will ask for a significant date in your life. I was waiting for them to ask for my finger prints and a retina scan, but that didn't happen! Once you're finished, click Continue.



CANCEL

PREVIOUS

CONTINUE



## Review Your Information and Terms & Conditions

You're almost there. At the "Review and Confirm" stage, you'll be asked to go over all the information you entered and make sure it's correct.

Verify the information you provided for your FSA ID below. If there is an error, select PREVIOUS and make the appropriate updates. If there are no errors, then read and agree to the Terms & Conditions and select CONTINUE.



Social Security Number: \*\*\*.\*\*

\* Required

Username: [redacted]

Password: [redacted]

E-mail: [redacted]

Are you 13 years of age or older?: I am 13 years of age or older.

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: Andy . Weber

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Mailing Address: [redacted]

(Other information will be shown here for verification, removed to fit the picture to the page)

Answer 5:

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- disable your FSA ID so that no one can use it by selecting Disable My FSA ID under the Edit My FSA ID tab.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information that I have provided to obtain an FSA ID is true and correct, and that I am the individual who I claim to be. I understand that falsification of this statement may be punishable by a fine, by imprisonment of not more than five years, or both.

If you agree to these terms, select the "I certify that the above information is correct & accept the terms & conditions".

If you do not agree to the conditions, select CANCEL.

I certify that the above information is correct & accept the terms & conditions

CANCEL

< PREVIOUS

CONTINUE >



At the bottom of the page, you'll see the same criminal warning and other terms and conditions. Once you're finished reading through it, click the certification box and then click Continue.

## FSA ID Created

You have successfully created your FSA ID.



- You can now use your FSA ID username and password to log in to FSA websites and applications.

Select the RETURN TO STUDENTLOANS.GOV to exit and return to the STUDENTLOANS.GOV application. Select RETURN TO LOGIN if you wish to return to the FSA ID log-in page.

[RETURN TO LOGIN](#)

You made it! Good job. Now you have a more secure login that will work on both the FAFSA and Studentloans.gov sites. While it says you can click on "Return to Studentloans.gov", the link didn't show up for me so I just typed it in and was able to log into my usual Studentloans.gov account with no problem.

Be sure to check out my other Free Ebook that discusses federal loans in depth, including how to apply for Direct Consolidation and income related payment plans, and like me on Facebook at

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for continued updates on any changes or breaking news in the student loan world.