

FSA ID INFORMATION

What is an FSA ID?

This has replaced what use to be the FAFSA PIN (if you have an older sibling that went to college you parents have one of these, but will still need to switch it over to an FSA ID). It stands for Federal Student Aid ID. This ID can be used in many ways:

- To log on to the FAFSA (you know that form you fill out your senior year so that you can qualify for federal and state aid).
- To sign your FAFSA.
- View/Print a copy of your SAR (Student Aid Report- what tells you how much federal money you could qualify for)- you must present a Student Aid Report to your UB Adviser next year.
- View a history of any federal aid you have received.
- Get a federal student loan.

How do I get an FSA ID?

Go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/> and begin filling it in. You will need a username, password, email address, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information and will be required to answer some “challenge” questions (such as who was your favorite elementary school teacher) which are only used to help you retrieve your password if you lose it in the future.

Once you have entered the above information you will be sent a secure code to the email you provided, which is their way to ensure you created the account and it is secure.

Who Needs an FSA ID?

You- the student needs one. This is how you will sign your FAFSA among other things (see above).

A parent or guardian needs one. If your parents are divorced then use the parent you live with or for whose income/tax information you will be using when you fill out the FAFSA your senior year.

Why Get One Now?

It is better to get this step of the FAFSA finished early. Then when you fill out the FAFSA next year, you can immediately sign it and submit it online. If you have your ID ready to go, then the FAFSA can be linked to your parent’s IRS account and your FAFSA processed quicker.

Information Needed for FSA ID

While to fill out the FAFSA you will need additional information (such as taxes or other income, bank account amounts etc.) for the FSA ID you just need identifying information so that they can confirm you are who you say you are. They will make sure that it matches your social security information. You will need this information for yourself and a parent:

Parent:

Full Name (as it appears on Social Security Card)

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Student:

Full Name (as it appears on Social Security Card)

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Other Notes:

- If your parent already has a Federal Student Aid Pin (from a previous sibling or themselves filling out an online FAFSA) then they will be able to enter the PIN and link it to their FSA ID.
- Your FSA ID password will expire every 18 months and you will have to make a new one, but your FSA ID username will always remain the same.
- You can retrieve a username or password, but will need to be able to answer the security questions.
- After three attempts to log-in they will "lock" your account. You may have it unlocked by receiving a secure code to your email and using it within 10 minutes or by answering your security questions. Once it is unlocked you will have to reset your password.

To create, link to FAFSA PIN, or Edit your FSA ID go to this website:

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>