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Creating an FSA ID for individuals without a Social Security Number

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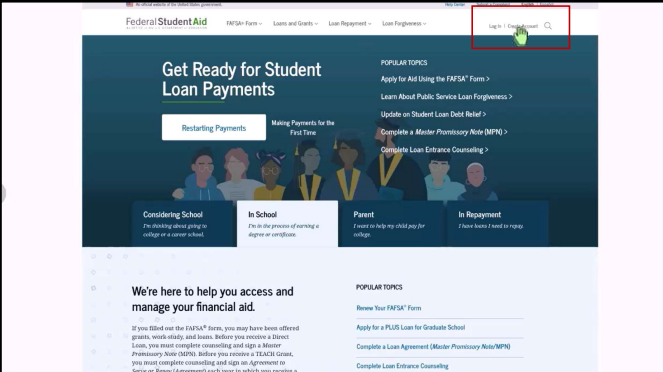
Note that this information only applies to persons without a Social Security Number who are also considered “Contributors” to a student’s FAFSA and Students (and Contributors) from the Freely Associated States.

A Contributor is the parent or parents of a dependent student as well as a spouse of an independent student where applicable.

Students without a Social Security Number* should never use this process to apply for an FSA ID unless they are from the Freely Associated States.

*Having a Social Security Number is one of the eligibility requirements for receiving Federal student aid. Students from the Freely Associated States are the only exception.

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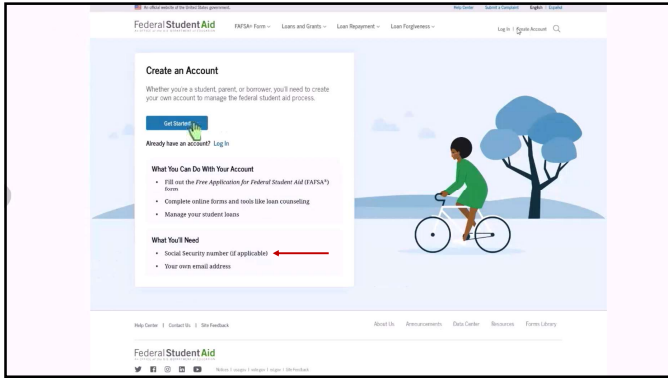
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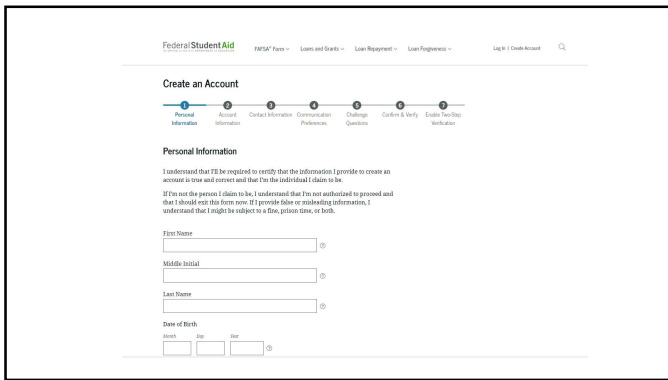
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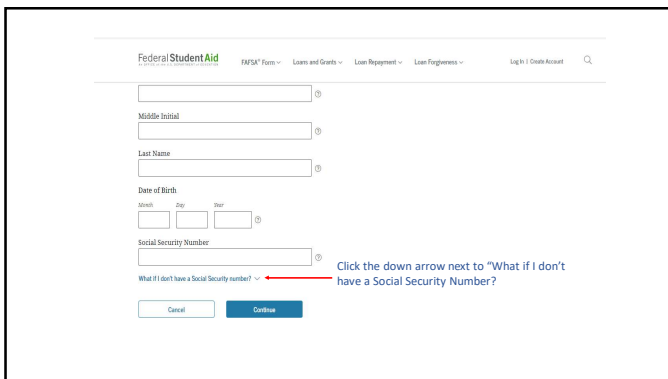
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Federal Student Aid FAFSA Form Loans and Grants Loan Repayment Loan Forgiveness Log In | Create Account

Date of Birth
 Month Day Year

Social Security Number

What if I don't have a Social Security number?

If you don't have a Social Security number (SSN) and at least one of the statements below describes you, you can check the box below to create an account without an SSN.

- I am a citizen of the **Freely Associated States** who needs to complete the FAFSA[®] form online.
- I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid.

I do not have a Social Security number. I am a citizen of the Freely Associated States and I do not have a Social Security number (SSN); OR I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid and I do not have an SSN.

Cancel Continue

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Warning: You must enter an SSN if you have one

If you create an account without a Social Security number (SSN) when you actually have one, you can be prevented from completing or contributing to a FAFSA form. This can also experience delays in verifying your identity and be prevented from contributing to other applications on StudentAid.gov.

You should only continue creating an account without an SSN if you do not have an SSN and one of the following statements is true for you:

- I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid, and I do not have an SSN.
- I am a citizen of the **Freely Associated States** and need to complete the FAFSA[®] form online.

Note: Any previously completed FAFSA forms cannot be linked to your new account. This will still be able to access information from 2023-24 FAFSA forms if you use your identifiers on the FAFSA info page.

I have an SSN I do NOT have an SSN

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Create an Account

Personal Information Account Information Contact Information Communication Preferences Challenge Questions Confirm & Verify Enable Two-Step Verification

Account Information

Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can't create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must each create their own accounts.

Username

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Password

Confirm Password

Previous Continue

An email address is required and is required to be verified.

This pertains to both new and existing accounts.

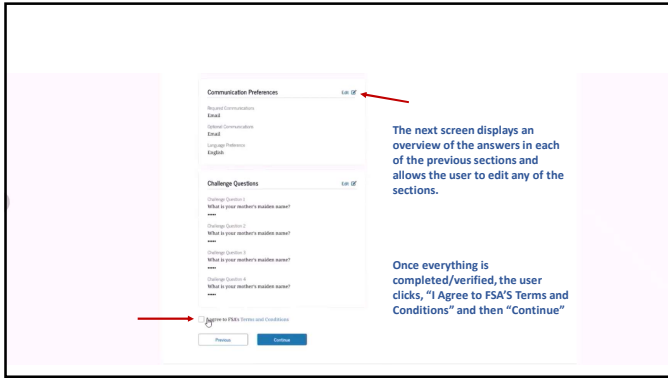
In addition, if an email already exists for another user, the applicant will not be able to use it.

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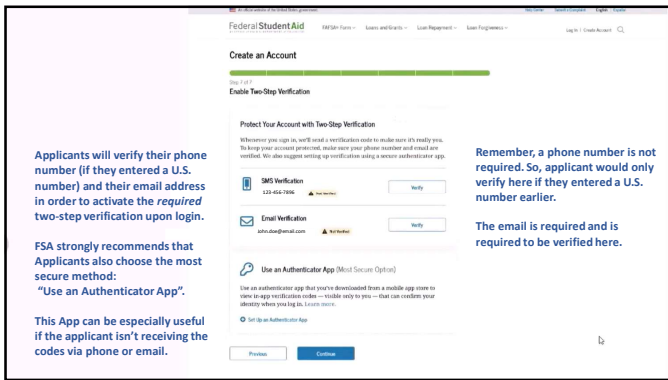
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The next screen displays an overview of the answers in each of the previous sections and allows the user to edit any of the sections.

Once everything is completed/verified, the user clicks, "I Agree to FSA'S Terms and Conditions" and then "Continue"

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Applicants will verify their phone number (if they entered a U.S. number) and their email address in order to activate the required two-step verification upon login.

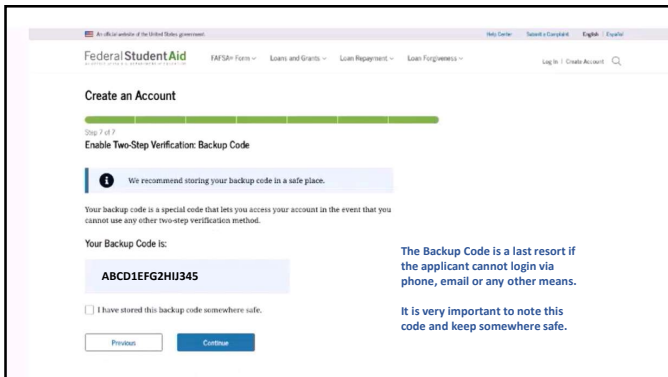
FSA strongly recommends that Applicants also choose the most secure method: "Use an Authenticator App".

This App can be especially useful if the applicant isn't receiving the codes via phone or email.

Remember, a phone number is not required. So, applicant would only verify here if they entered a U.S. number earlier.

The email is required and is required to be verified here.

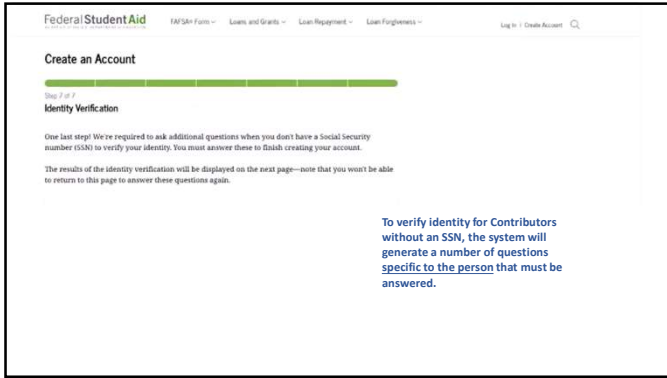
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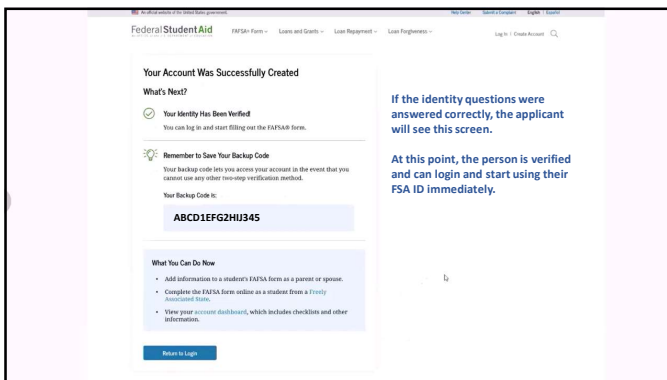
The Backup Code is a last resort if the applicant cannot login via phone, email or any other means.

It is very important to note this code and keep somewhere safe.

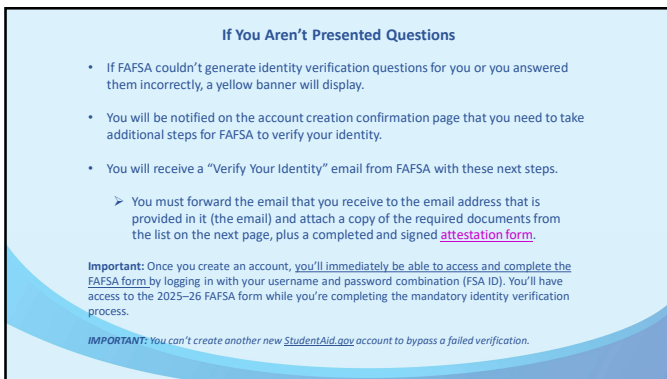
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Acceptable Documentation

Attach one of the following identity documents to the email:

- ❖ Driver's license
- ❖ State or city identification card
- ❖ Foreign passport

OR

Attach one of the following pairs of identity documents to the email:

- ❖ Municipal identification card and utility bill
- ❖ Community ID card and utility bill
- ❖ Consular identification card (Matricula Consular) and utility bill

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IN SUMMARY

- New users without an SSN who request a StudentAid.gov account and cannot validate their identity using the knowledge-based questions (as generated by TransUnion) must still complete the manual process to validate their identity.

However, they will not have to wait to have their identity validation completed before they can use their account username and password to access and complete the online 2025-26 FAFSA form.

- Individuals can check the status of their identity validation on their StudentAid.gov dashboard. If the status on the "Personal Information" page of their Account Settings is "no-SSN" with a green check icon, individuals are able to progress to the FAFSA form.

Please note that this status is the same for those who have completed the validation process and those who are temporarily allowed to enter and complete the form.

- Individuals who are currently waiting for results from the Department do not need to resubmit any documentation to complete the identity validation process.

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SUMMARY Cont.

- If an individual's StudentAid.gov account does not show a status of "no-SSN" with a green check icon and they have not received an email notifying them of this temporary change, they will need to follow the instructions for individuals without an SSN to create a StudentAid.gov account, as they are not currently in the Department's system.
- The Department encourages all users without an SSN to complete the identity validation process without delay, even after the student's FAFSA form is submitted.
- If an individual without an SSN continues to have issues logging in to StudentAid.gov, they should contact the [Federal Student Aid Information Center](https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact). (<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>) for assistance with signing in to their account.
- There is an article on studentaid.gov that addresses how individuals (contributors) without an SSN can apply for an FSA ID. You are welcome to share this link with students and parents.
<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/article/verify-identity-create-account-dont-have-ssn>

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