



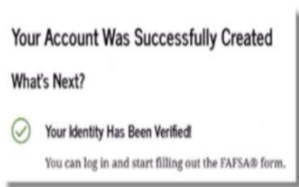
At Benedictine University, the Office of Financial Aid understands that sometimes applying for federal assistance can be daunting. Before you can complete the FAFSA, you must set up an account at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and your information must be verified by the U.S. Department of Education. To assist students in navigating the process, we have provided a list of steps to guide our students through applying for financial assistance.

Go to studentaid.gov/fsa-id and click on "Get Started"

Every person will need an FSA ID to submit information and sign the FAFSA.

Your name, date of birth and social security exactly as it appears on official documentation.

Save your FSA ID username and password somewhere safe.



2026-27 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

The 2026-27 FAFSA® form is now available for all students and contributors to complete the form to apply for financial aid.

What is an FSA ID?

The Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID is a username and password that is required to log in and access all Federal Student Aid websites. Both the student and parent will need a StudentAid.gov account. Students and parents should each use a personal email address to create the account (not a school or work email address). The FSA ID serves as a legal signature when submitting your FAFSA.

What information do I need to create an FSA ID?

- o Student and/or parent - Full legal name as it appears on the social security card
- o Date of birth and Social Security Number
- o Your residential address & phone number
- o Valid email address - you need immediate access to your email account

Create four challenging questions?

- o You will need to select four challenge questions from a dropdown list and provide answers.
- o Set up two-step verification for your FSA ID with your phone number, email, and/or authenticator app
- o It's recommended to set up all methods, so you have multiple options to log in

How do I know the results of the identity verification

When registered for your FSA ID with your SSN, an instant verification match is successful, you can use your FSA ID right away to complete the FAFSA. If the instant verification match isn't successful, you will need to correct the information for your FSA ID and have a verified match before completing the FAFSA. *This screen will appear if your identity is successfully verified.*

When can I use my FSA ID?

You can use your FSA ID immediately to access your studentaid.gov account dashboard and start submitting your information to the FAFSA.

What do I do if I need additional help?

Call the FSA ID Help Center at 1-800-433-3243.