

Email template for high school seniors

Subject line: Be FAFSA Form Ready: Create your StudentAid.gov account now

Headline: You and a parent need StudentAid.gov accounts to be FAFSA® form ready

Body: The new 2025–26 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form is coming by December 1, 2024. Submitting the FAFSA form is the first step to getting federal student grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and student loans. [Who is eligible for federal student aid?](#)

Make your form submission as easy as possible by doing 2 things. First, create your StudentAid.gov account now. And second, if you're under 24 years old tell a parent to create theirs before Dec. 1 too.

1. [Create your StudentAid.gov account](#) or make sure you can access your existing one by signing in to StudentAid.gov.
2. **If you're under 24, get a parent to create their account.** [Check this chart](#) to confirm if a parent or spouse also needs an account before you can submit your FAFSA form.

Having trouble? [Get answers to common questions](#) about creating a StudentAid.gov account.

What do I need to create a StudentAid.gov account?

- Name (exactly as it appears on your Social Security card if you have one)
- Date of birth
- Personal email address
- Social Security number (if you have one)

Remember: You'll have only one StudentAid.gov account will be the one you use for the rest of your life, so make sure to use an email address that you can access to even after you graduate or change jobs.

How do I know if a parent or spouse also need to create an account?

- [Check this chart](#) to see if any other contributors like a parent or spouse also need to create an account before you can submit your FAFSA form.
- If you're still not sure if you need a parent to sign your form, [confirm if you're an independent or dependent](#) student.
- If you're a dependent student, you (or your parent) can use the [Who's My FAFSA Parent](#) wizard to figure out which parent or parent spouse also needs to create an account.

What if I don't have a Social Security number (SSN), or my parent doesn't have an SSN?

- If you have an SSN, you must provide it when creating an account.
- All students must have an SSN to create a StudentAid.gov account unless you are from the Freely Associated States (Micronesia, Marshall Islands, or Palau). [Check eligibility here.](#)
- If you are a parent or spouse who does not have an SSN, you can still create a studentaid.gov account to contribute to a student's FAFSA form. Leave the SSN field blank and click "What if I don't have a Social Security number?".
- If only one parent has an SSN, the parent with the SSN is the one that should create a StudentAid.gov account and join the student's FAFSA form as a contributor.

Note: if you get a message saying the SSN you entered is already in use when you try to create a StudentAid.gov account, make sure you entered the SSN correctly. If you entered the SSN correctly, then it's likely you created an account previously or someone else (such as a parent) created an account for you. Try logging in rather than creating a new account. If you have trouble logging in, try resetting your password or using another email address. You can also check with a parent to see if a StudentAid.gov account already exists for you. If you're sure an account has not already been created, [contact the office of Federal Student Aid](#) for further steps. Do not attempt to use an ITIN or other value in place of an SSN for online account creation.

Learn more about the FAFSA form at fafsa.gov.