

THE FIRST STEP TO COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA!

# The FSA ID is your electronic passport to federal student aid online.

If you're ready, you can [create an FSA ID now](#).

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

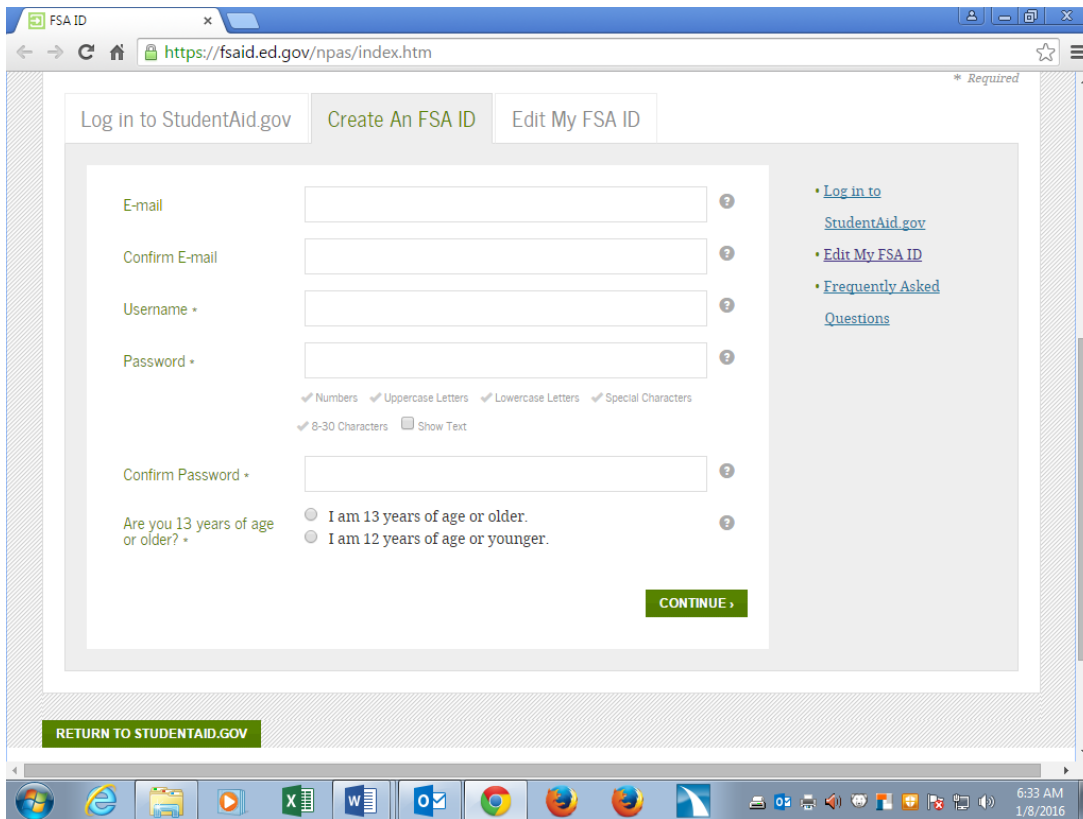
**APPLY NOW** This will take only a few minutes!!!

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.

You will be prompted to enter a 6 digit secure code upon completing the FSA ID process. That code will be sent to you via email. Make sure to open the code in a separate browser tab or window.

To create your own personal FSA ID, click on the *Create An FSA ID* tab. .



You will be prompted to answer several questions in creating your FAS ID profile.

When prompted to create your password make sure you have at least one each character, number, upper and lowercase letters. Write down all of your entries and store them in a safe place so that you can access them if you have forgotten your password.

As you complete your profile, you will be prompted to enter a 6 digit secure code. This code was sent to your email address.

Once both student and parent have completed the FAS ID you will be ready to complete the FAFSA (A parent need only to create one FAS ID regardless to the number of students in college.)

***Important:*** *When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.*

You are now ready to start the FAFSA: <https://fafsa.gov/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) website. The browser address bar displays "https://fafsa.gov". The page features the following elements:

- Header:** "Federal Student Aid" logo, "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®", and "Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA®".
- Navigation:** Home, About Us, FSA ID, StudentAid.gov, and Help icons. A search bar with "SEARCH" and language options for "English" and "Español".
- Main Banner:** "Get help paying for college" with the subtext "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". Below the banner is a collage of diverse students.
- User Options:**
  - New to the FAFSA?:** A green button labeled "Start A New FAFSA".
  - Returning User?:** A list of actions: "Make a correction", "Add a school", and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...". A green button labeled "Login".
- Footer/Announcements:**
  - Deadlines:** "Information about your deadlines."
  - School Code Search**
  - Announcements:** "Heads Up! The new 2017-2018 FAFSA is almost here! To upload this better-than-ever version, FAFSA on the Web will be unavailable: Sunday, September 25, from 4:55 a.m. through 3:25 p.m. ET and Friday, September 30, from 10..."

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 12:59 PM on 9/22/2016.