

How to Electronically Sign Documents

You will need to provide a signature on most forms requested by the Financial Aid Office. Signatures must be "wet" signatures, certified electronic signatures, or electronically drawn by hand. Names typed in script fonts are not acceptable.

First Option: Create a Certified Signature Using Adobe Reader DC

Download Adobe Reader for free at <https://www.nvcc.edu/ithd/students/software.html> if you do not already have it and follow the steps below to create an electronic signature.

Step 1: Open the document from the Student Forms Library at:

<https://www.nvcc.edu/forms/index.html>

Full name of household member	Age	Relationship (if "other" is selected, you must indicate relationship)	Household member attending college at least ½ time (6 credits per term) and degree seeking. List name of college
		Self	NOVA

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined \$20,000, sentenced to jail, or both.

Certification: Read, Sign, and Date

By signing this form, you certify that all the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree to provide additional documents if asked by the Financial Aid Office.

Student Signature

Date

As you can see, a signature box is not available in your web browser such as Google Chrome.

Step 2: Download the document and save it to your computer.

Select the downward arrow icon highlighted here.




File name:

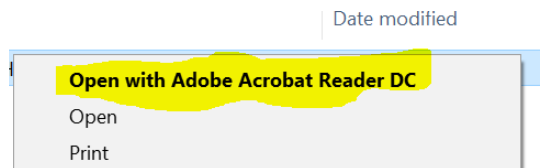
Save as type:

Hide Folders

Save Cancel

Step 3: Open File Explorer and find the document.



<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Date modified	Type	Size
▼ Today (1)			
 Household Size Form	3/2/2023 11:34 AM	Adobe Acrobat D...	185 KB

Step 4: Right click the file and select "Open with Adobe Acrobat Reader DC".**Step 5: You should now see a fillable signature section.**

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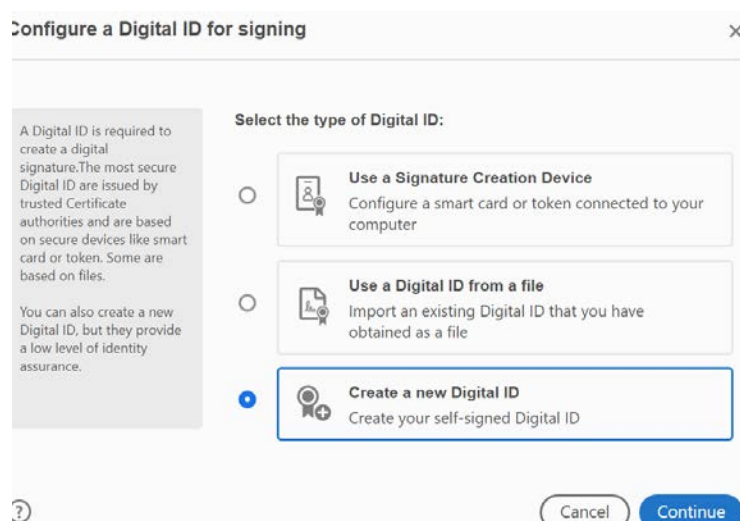
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Student Signature	Date

Step 6: Complete the form and then click on "Student Signature".

You should get the following prompt. Select "Create a new Digital ID" and click continue.



Step 7: Select "Save to File".

Select the destination of the new Digital ID

Digital IDs are typically issued by trusted providers that assure the validity of the identity. Self-signed Digital ID may not provide the same level of assurance and may not be accepted in some use cases.

Consult with your recipients if this is an acceptable form

☒ **Save to File**
Save the Digital ID to a file in your computer

☐ **Save to Windows Certificate Store**
Save the Digital ID to Windows Certificate Store to be shared with other applications

Step 8: Enter your name and email and select "Continue".

Name

Organizational Unit

Organization Name

Email Address

Country/Region

Key Algorithm

Use Digital ID for

Step 9: Create a password and select "Save".

Apply a password to protect the Digital ID:

Confirm the password:

Step 10: You should see the signature as shown below.
Enter the password your created in Step 9 and select "Sign".

Appearance

Jane Doe Digitally signed by Jane Doe
Date: 2020.05.20 11:26:20 -04'00'

[View Certificate Details](#)

Review document content that may affect signing

Step 11: The "Save As" box will show up. Select "Save".

Step 12: Confirm the Save As; Select "Yes".

Step 13: Your document is now signed.

Jane Doe
Student's Signature

Digitally signed by Jane Doe
Date: 2020.05.20 11:31:22 -04'00'

For instructions on how to upload forms in SIS please see the tutorial, "[Uploading Financial Aid Documents from the NOVAConnect To Do List](#)".

Second Option: Electronically Drawn Signatures

Some forms do not have the option to sign as shown above. The following steps show how to sign a document by drawing an electronic signature by hand.

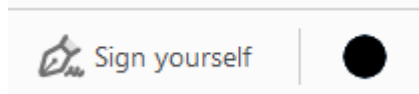
Step 1: Follow Steps 1 - 4 from the first method.

Step 2: If the signature field does not give the option to sign, it may look like this:

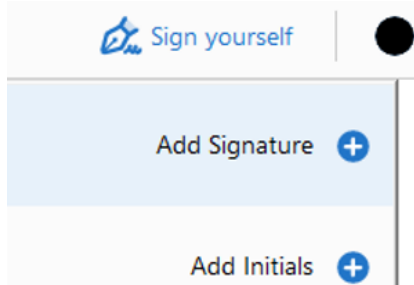
Step 3: On the right side of the page, you may see one of the following options:

Select the "Fill & Sign" option.

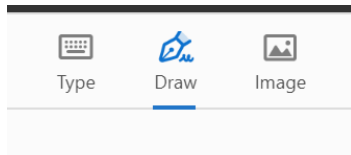
Step 4: Select the Option at the top of the page that says, "Sign yourself".



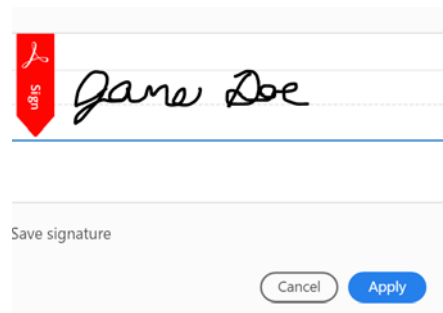
Step 5: Select "Add Signature".



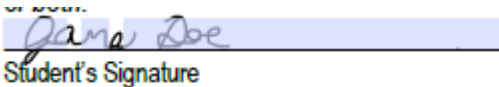
Step 6: Select "Draw".



Step 7: Use your cursor to sign your name and select "Apply".



Step 8: Position your signature on the signature line.



Step 9: Save the document and submit it.

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