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Create an FSA ID
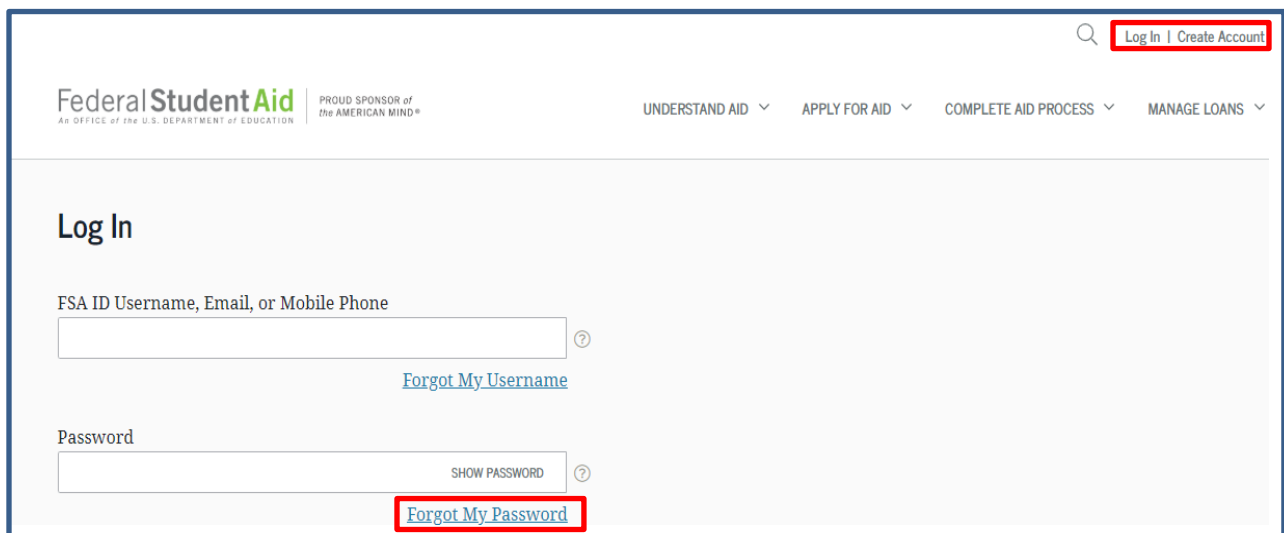
What is the FSA ID?

An FSA ID is a username and password that you must use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID identifies you as someone who has the right to access your own personal information on websites such as https://studentaid.gov/.

Does a Parent Need an FSA ID?

If you are a parent of a dependent student, you will need your own FSA ID to sign your child's FAFSA electronically. If you have more than one child attending college, you can use the same FSA ID to sign all applications. *Please note: Each FSA ID user must have a unique e-mail address. The student should not create an FSA ID on the parent's behalf, and a parent should not create an FSA ID on the student's behalf.*

Who is considered a dependent student? *A student is considered a dependent student if he or she does not meet at least one of the following criteria: at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, someone on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training, a U.S. Armed Forces veteran, someone who provides more than 50% of the support for their children or dependents who live with them, someone who was an orphan or a ward of the court or in foster care after turning age 13, an emancipated minor, someone with a court-appointed legal guardian, or someone who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. More details are provided on the FAFSA.*

How Can I Create an FSA ID?	How Can I Reset My FSA ID Password?
If you do not have an FSA ID: ☐ Visit https://studentaid.gov/ ☐ Click "Create Account"	If you already have an FSA ID, but forgot your password: ☐ Visit https://studentaid.gov/ ☐ Click "Log In" ☐ Then click "Forgot My Password"

The Federal Student Aid Information Center can help. Call 1-800-433-3243 or visit https://studentaidhelp.ed.gov/ to send a message or live chat.