

**Subject:** 📌 Get FAFSA ready! Create your StudentAid.gov account NOW.

**Now is the time for students and parents to create [StudentAid.gov](#) accounts to file the FAFSA.**

The 2025–26 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens Dec. 1, 2024. Filing the form is essential to be eligible for grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans.

**Here's how to be ready:**

1. [Create your StudentAid.gov account.](#)
2. If you're a [dependent student](#), a parent must create an account as well.

**Checklist for Account Creation:**

- Name as it appears on your Social Security Card.
- Date of birth.
- Personal email. Use one you will keep long-term as you will use it repeatedly.
- Social Security Number (SSN) if you have one. If not, see below.

**Need an account for a parent?** Check if one is required. If you're a dependent student, the "[Who's My FAFSA Parent](#)" tool can help.

**No SSN?** Parents without SSNs will create accounts by selecting "What if I don't have a Social Security Number?" Do not use an ITIN in place of SSN. [This handout](#) may be helpful.

**Questions?** contact the [EducationQuest location](#) nearest you.