How to create an FSA ID

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Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

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The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) provides more than $120 billion in financial aid to help pay for college or career school each year.

Log In

Create Account

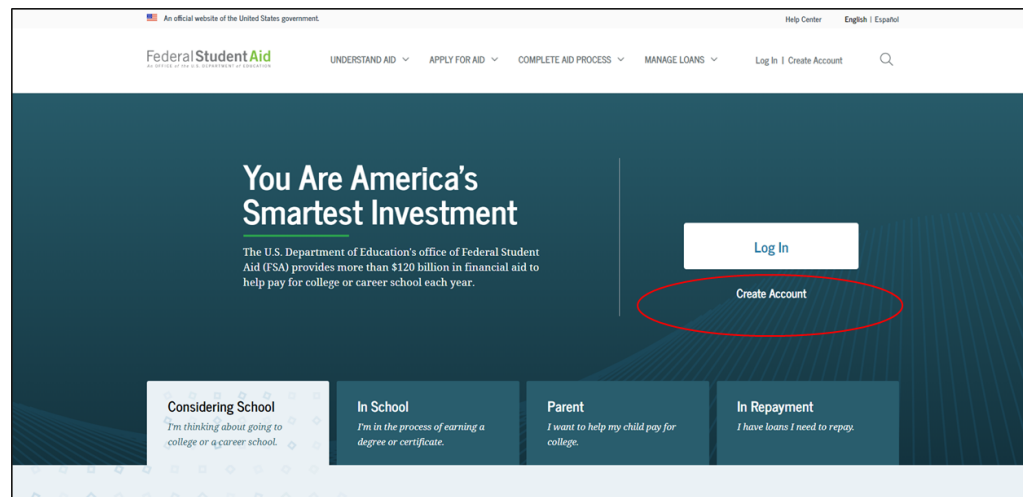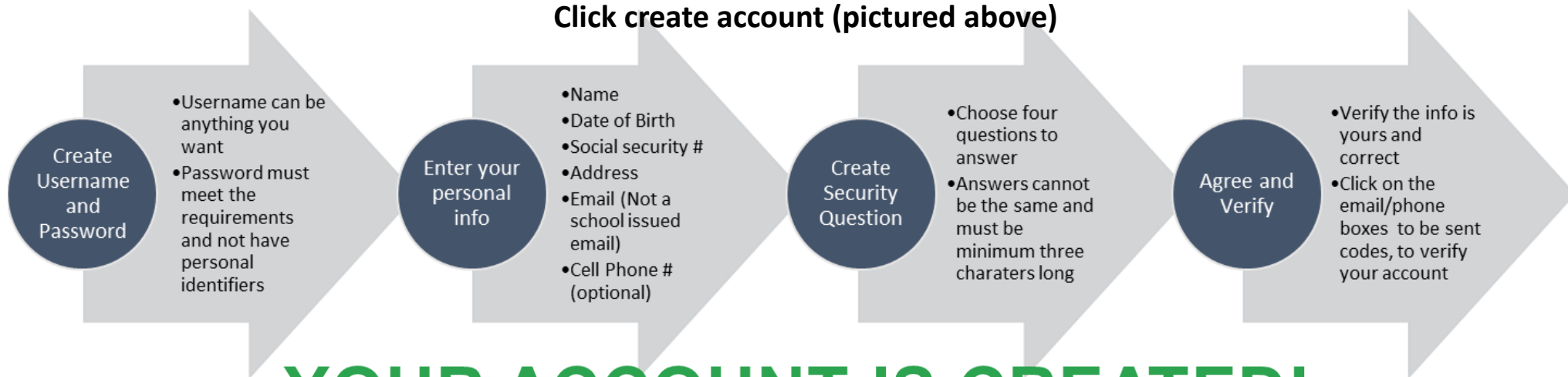| Considering School	In School	Parent	In Repayment
I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.	*I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.*	*I want to help my child pay for college.*	*I have loans I need to repay.*

What's an FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username and password combination you use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems. The FSA ID is your legal signature and shouldn't be created or used by anyone other than you not even your parent, your child, a school official, or a loan company representative. You'll use your FSA ID every year you fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form and for the lifetime of your federal student loans.

Go to StudentAid.Gov

Click create account (pictured above)

Create Username and Password
- Username can be anything you want
- Password must meet the requirements and not have personal identifiers

Enter your personal info
- Name
- Date of Birth
- Social security #
- Address
- Email (Not a school issued email)
- Cell Phone # (optional)

Create Security Question
- Choose four questions to answer
- Answers cannot be the same and must be minimum three charaters long

Agree and Verify
- Verify the info is yours and correct
- Click on the email/phone boxes to be sent codes, to verify your account

YOUR ACCOUNT IS CREATED!

If you provided an email address, you'll receive a confirmation email. You can immediately use your account username and password to sign an original (first-time) FAFSA form.

FSA ID Cheat Sheet

Email used to create account:

Username:

Password:

Security Question #1:

Security Answer #1:

Security Question #2:

Security Answer #2:

Security Question #3:

Security Answer #3:

Security Question #4:

Security Answer #4:

FAFSA save key:

Please keep this information in a safe place. You will need it to apply for financial aid and to access your student loans throughout your college years.

To learn more about how to create or recover your FSA ID,

visit studentaid.gov/help/create-fsa-id