



**Breckenridge R-I Schools**



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## FAFSA FRENZY NIGHT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will be having a FAFSA Frenzy Night next **Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m.** in the HS history room at **Braymer C4 High School**. If you plan on attending ANY postsecondary institution (college, trade or technical school) after graduation you will have to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA Night is an opportunity to gather information about the different kinds of financial aid available and to actually complete the FAFSA with assistance. I am attaching helpful information so that you can come to the meeting prepared to complete the FAFSA if you choose to do so that evening. If you have any questions, please let me know. We will be combined with the Braymer Seniors and I, Ms. McMillan will be in attendance as well.

Respectfully,

Ms. Kadee McMillan

## What to bring

Students and parents should bring the following items to a FAFSA Frenzy event to complete the 2023-24 application:

- Student and parent **FSA ID** username and password.
- Student's Social Security Number.
- A list of schools to which you have applied, been accepted to, or are interested in attending.
- Student and parent 2021 W-2 forms and/or tax return copies. Parental information is required for dependent students (most undergraduate students under the age of 24). Determine if you are an **independent or dependent student**.

The FAFSA Frenzy program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel, the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, and the National College Attainment Network.

**Learn more about filing a FAFSA**

# Creating and Using the FSA ID

## *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.

## *How do I get an FSA ID?*

Visit [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch](https://StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch) to create an FSA ID. You'll need your Social Security number, full name, and date of birth. You'll also need to create a memorable username and password, and complete challenge questions and answers so you can retrieve your account information if you forget it.

You'll be required to provide either your email address or your mobile phone number when you make your FSA ID. Providing a mobile phone number and/or email address that you have access to will make it easier to log in to ED online systems and allow additional account recovery options.

**Important:** A Social Security number, email address, and mobile phone number can only be associated with one FSA ID. If you share an email address with someone else, then only one of you will be able to use that email address to create an FSA ID.

## *FSA ID Tips*

- If you need to provide information about your parents on the FAFSA® form, one of your parents will need an FSA ID to sign the form. Your parent can create an FSA ID and then sign the FAFSA form electronically using that FSA ID. Not sure whether you'll need to put your parents' information on the FAFSA form? Check out [StudentAid.gov/dependency](https://StudentAid.gov/dependency). **Remember:** You should create your own FSA ID, and your parent should create his or her own FSA ID. Also make sure to use the correct FSA ID when signing the FAFSA form electronically.
- When you first create your FSA ID, the use of your FSA ID will be restricted to completing, signing, and submitting an original (first-time) FAFSA form. You'll have to wait one to three days for your information to be confirmed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) before you can use your FSA ID for other actions, such as submitting a FAFSA Renewal or signing a *Master Promissory Note*. If you provided an email address, then you'll receive an email letting you know that your information was successfully matched with the SSA, and you can begin using your FSA ID.
- If you forget your FSA ID username or password, look for the "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password" links on log-in pages. These links will direct you to web pages where you can request a secure code to be texted to your verified mobile phone number or emailed to your verified email address. The secure code will allow you to retrieve your username or reset your password. You can also retrieve your username or reset your password by successfully answering your challenge questions. **Remember:** If you verified your email address or mobile phone number during account creation, you can enter your email address or mobile phone number instead of your username to log in.

Learn more about how you can use your FSA ID at [StudentAid.gov/help-center/answers/article/how-can-i-use-my-fsa-id-username-and-password](https://StudentAid.gov/help-center/answers/article/how-can-i-use-my-fsa-id-username-and-password). Find this fact sheet at [StudentAid.gov/resources](https://StudentAid.gov/resources).

# Journey to College

## Tips for creating your FSA ID

Visit <https://studentaid.gov/> to get started.

### You will need your:

- ✓ First and last name (must match exactly what is on your SSN card)
- ✓ Date of birth
- ✓ Social Security number (must have an SSN to create an FSA ID)
- ✓ Email address (email address cannot be shared or used for multiple FSA IDs)
- ✓ Physical address
- ✓ Mobile phone number

NOTE: Your session will time out if you aren't active for 5 minutes. Gather all of your information before you start this process.

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### Step 1

From the Federal Student Aid homepage, click "Create Account" then select the "Get Started" button at the bottom of the webpage.

For helpful tips while creating your FSA ID, click on the question mark (?) after each answer.

### Step 2

Enter your name, birth date, and Social Security Number. It's important that your Social Security Number, name, and date of birth match exactly what is on your SSN card.

### Step 3

Choose a username and password and enter your email address. It's important to have access to your email address in order to receive the authorization code. Be sure to use an email address you'll have access to for years to come, NOT a school email address. Your email address cannot be associated with another FSA ID so students and parents cannot use the same email address to create their FSA IDs.

### Step 4

Enter your permanent address and phone number. It is recommended to set up a mobile phone account recovery. This option is used to help you restore access to your account by sending you a code via text message if you are locked out.

### Step 5

Choose your communication preferences to receive required and informational communications related to your federal student aid and student loan process.

### Step 6

You will be asked to answer four challenge questions. When answering your challenge questions make sure the answers will be easy to remember and always select the "Show Answer" box to ensure accuracy.

If you do not remember your username and password, you can retrieve your information via your verified email address or by successfully answering your challenge questions. However, this process is not always instantaneous. It is best to choose a username and password that you will easily remember.

### Step 7

Your last step will be to review your information for accuracy, accept the FSA ID terms and conditions, and set up multi-factor authentication. A confirmation will be sent to the email address and cell phone number you provided. You can also download an authenticator app which is the most secure option. It's important that you do not close the email verification page during this process. Open another browser to login to your email account to receive your six-digit code to verify your account creation. You will also receive a backup code which you MUST write down or save at this time. This code lets you access your account in the event that you cannot use any other two-step verification method.

Once you have verified your information, you can now log on with your username, password, and verification code (from email, text, or app) to start your FAFSA.

**If you are a dependent student, at least one of your parents will need an FSA ID in order to sign your FAFSA. To determine if you're a dependent student for the 2023-2024 FAFSA, visit <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>.**



## FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Are you considering college or vocational/ technical school after graduation? If so, then attending your school's financial aid night will be an important next step. A member of the Financial Aid Staff from North Central Missouri College will be visiting your school soon to present financial aid information as well as answer financial aid questions and assist with FAFSA completion.

**LET'S GET READY TO FAFSAAA!**



### PRIOR PRIOR YEAR

2021 tax information will be used to complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA. Students planning to attend Summer 2023, will need to also complete the 2022-2023 FAFSA using 2020 tax year information.

### FSA ID

The FSA ID is the username and password used on federal student aid websites including [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). Both students and parents need their own FSA ID. To create an FSA ID, scan the QR code.



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional resources, including a list of what is needed to complete the FAFSA, scan the QR code.



### IMPORTANT DATES

2023-24 FAFSA opens	10/1/2022
NCMC Scholarship App opens	11/1/2022
FAFSA Frenzy	11/1-11/3/2022
FAFSA deadline MO State Aid	2/1/2023
NCMC Priority deadline (Summer)	4/1/2023
NCMC Scholarship App Due	3/31/2023
NCMC Priority deadline (Fall)	7/1/2023

**NOT ABLE TO ATTEND A FINANCIAL AID NIGHT?  
GET HELP WITH YOUR FAFSA AT NCMC'S FAFSA FRENZY**

### PICK A DATE THAT WORKS FOR YOU

Appointments are available  
Nov 1, 2022 - Nov 3, 2022  
Tuesday 9am-6pm,  
Wednesday 9am-4pm, and  
Thursday 9am-4pm

### SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Call (660)357-6513 or email [financialaid@mail.ncmissouri.edu](mailto:financialaid@mail.ncmissouri.edu)  
The Office of Financial Aid is located in the Alexander Student Center on the NCMC main campus.

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Attend **FAFSA Frenzy** and enter to win a \$500 Journey to College scholarship. Scholarships awarded by MDHEWD.  
All students are invited to participate, regardless of which institution they plan to attend.