



**ILLINOIS VALLEY  
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## **FAFSA ON THE WEB INFORMATION 2020-2021 <https://fafsa.ed.gov>**

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New and returning students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year in order to apply for financial aid. The 2020-2021 FAFSA is available to complete beginning October 1, 2019. The sooner you apply, the better chance you have of being considered for all types of federal and state financial assistance.

- To sign your application online you and your parent (if you are a dependent student) must use your FSA ID. If you have not set up a FSA ID, it is recommended that you (and a parent if you are a dependent student) do so before beginning the FAFSA. To set up or recover a FSA ID, go to [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov).
- **IVCC's School Code is 001705**
- IVCC's Financial Aid Office recommends that students complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA by November 15, 2019. Applications completed after November 15, 2019 are still processed in the order received.
- Have your 2018 income information (tax returns, W2s) on hand to assist with answering questions.
- Are you a dependent student? If you were not born before January 1, 1997, or are married, a veteran or on active duty, or in foster care or legal guardianship, then you will normally be considered a dependent student. If you answer "yes" to "I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support..." you will be required to document how you are supporting yourself and your child(ren). If you are not sure how to answer this question, please contact the Financial Aid Office.
- If the FAFSA has not been received by the IVCC Financial Aid Office at least four weeks prior to the tuition payment due date, be prepared to make payment arrangements with the Cashier's Office prior to the payment due date.
- Once your FAFSA results have been received by the IVCC Financial Aid Office, you will be notified if any additional documents are needed to complete your application. You can also check the status of your financial aid application processing using your WebAdvisor account at [www.ivcc.edu/webadvisor](http://www.ivcc.edu/webadvisor).

## FSA (Federal Student Aid) User ID and Password Checklist

Please note: Only the person who will own the FSA ID should create and use that FSA ID.

The FSA ID is the legal signature that can be used to electronically sign important Federal Student Aid documents, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and Direct Loan promissory notes. The FSA ID also allows online access to private and confidential information, including data from a student's FAFSA and loan information from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®). For these reasons, maintaining the security of the FSA ID is critical to the integrity of student aid information and systems.

**Optional** e-mail address/mobile phone: It is recommended (but not required) to include an e-mail address/mobile phone with your FSA ID because:

- FSA uses e-mail/mobile phone to communicate important information about your account to you.
- You can use your e-mail/mobile phone to get your username or password if you forget them.
- You can use your verified e-mail address instead of your username when logging in to FSA systems.

You must have access to the e-mail account associated with the FSA ID account. DO NOT SHARE nor use someone else's email address!! The e-mail address associated with one FSA ID account cannot be used by another FSA ID account. (You and your parent MUST USE different e-mail addresses.) Note: You will verify your e-mail address by receiving a secure code that FSA e-mails to you and entering it later in the setup. Until the email address is verified, you may not use it for logging in nor to recover your password (but you will be able to use your username to log in).

When recovering your FSA ID or password after initial setup: use Manage my FSA ID, click on "**Forgot my username**" and select one of the three options, **1. "mobile phone"** a secure code will be texted to you, **2. "email"** a secure code will be emailed to you, or **3. "Challenge Questions"**. If you are unable to recover your username/password, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Web chat is also available from the FAFSA.gov "Help" page under "Contact Us."

### Creating an FSA ID

<https://fsaid.ed.gov> \*\*\*\*\* CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

**Optional** Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Username: \_\_\_\_\_ 6-30 characters, unique

Password: \_\_\_\_\_ 8-30 char, numbers, UC, LC

When entering your Social Security Number, click on "Show Text" to make sure you enter correctly. The social security number must match the same on your FAFSA or you will not be able to use your FSA ID to access your information.

Challenge questions – use one word answers to aid future recall, click on "Show Text" to verify input, and note your use of upper and lower case letters.

Question1: \_\_\_\_\_ Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Question2: \_\_\_\_\_ Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Question3: \_\_\_\_\_ Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Question4: \_\_\_\_\_ Answer: \_\_\_\_\_