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Good afternoon!

Beginning this year, students will be required to create an FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov> using his/her personal information in order to file the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which opens on January 1, 2016. The FSA ID gives a student access to their Federal Student Aid online systems and serves as the legal signature for the student's FAFSA. The student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to create their own FSA ID to sign the student's FAFSA as well. Parents and students cannot use the same email address to create their FSA IDs.

It is important to remember that creating the FSA ID is not the same as filing the FAFSA- it is simply the student and parent's log in information that is required to begin, complete, and/or edit the FAFSA. Remember, students must complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov by February 15, 2016 in order to remain TN Promise eligible. Students and parents can create the FSA ID now or any time before filing the FAFSA, and are encouraged to do so before the 2016-2017 FAFSA becomes available on January 1, 2016.

The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation hosted an FSAID Informational Webinar several weeks ago. [Please click here to view the FSAID Informational Power Point.](#) The Power Point includes steps for creating the FSA ID. The tnAchieves student handbook will also contain information on the FSA ID and FAFSA.

If a student has trouble creating an FSA ID, he/she can contact the FSA ID helpline at 1-800-557-7394. There is also a webchat option available that allows students to access and get help from an FSA ID representative.