Creating a Student Aid Account - Script
For the 2026-27 FAFSA

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Creating a Student Adid Account	Let's talk about the FAFSA and creating an account.
FAFSA: HS Graduation Requirement	Nebraska law requires all public high school students to complete and submit the FAFSA, or actively opt out, as a graduation requirement. The law ensures that all Nebraska seniors apply for federal financial aid and encourages you to consider further education beyond high school.
Create an Account	To begin the process of applying for financial aid, create a Federal Student Aid account at **studentaid.gov**. Your parent will also need an account, and both of you will need a non-school email address. Write down your usernames and passwords because you will need them when you complete the FAFSA each year.
Slide 4	Go to **studentaid.gov** and click on Create Account. As you continue through the screens, a line at the top will indicate where you are in the process.
Slide 5	Enter your full legal name, and make sure it matches what's on your social security card. Enter your birthdate and Social Security Number.
Slide 6	If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, check the box and hit continue.
Slide 7	This message will pop up on the screen, and the parent will again select *" I do NOT have a SSN"* and continue through the rest of the questions.
Slide 8	To create an account, you must have a valid email address, but do not use your school email. This account will be active until you leave college or repay your student loans.
Slide 9	The site uses two-factor authentication, so a secure code will be sent to your email. Enter that code on this page.

Slide 10	You may add a mobile phone number and opt in to receive text messages.
Slide 11	Enter your home address and indicate how you prefer to receive communication from Federal Student Aid.
Slide 12	Create your unique username and password using the guidance on the page. Write this down and keep it in a secure place because you will need it every year that you apply for financial aid.
Slide 13	This page provides all the verification methods and a backup code if you cannot use text, email, or an authenticator app.
Slide 14	This page confirms that your account was created.
Questions?	Do you have any questions about creating an account?