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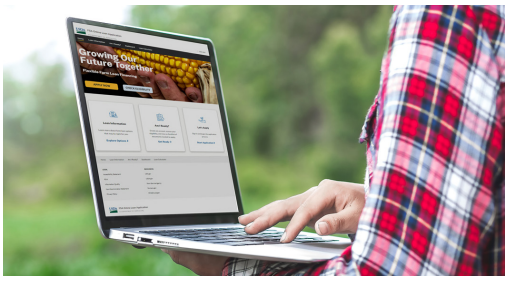
Online Loan Application

Quick Start Guide



What is the FSA Online Loan Application?

The FSA Online Loan Application (OLA) tool allows applicants requesting Direct Loan assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA) the ability to access a secure online portal where they can complete their loan application, upload supporting documents, pay the required credit report fee, and submit the application for processing.

PREPARE

- Determine your loan needs and assess your eligibility. Get help by using the Loan Assistance Tool (LAT).
- Ensure you have a USDA individual customer record linked to a USDA Level 2 eAuthentication account. Visit **farmers.gov/account** or contact your local USDA Service Center for assistance.
- Have required supporting documents ready to upload prior to logging in. A checklist for required documents can be found HERE.

APPLY

ACCESS THE FSA ONLINE LOAN APPLICATION

- ✓ Find OLA using links at following locations:
  - Farmers.gov ("Apply Online")
  - At the end of the LAT process

LOG IN

- ✓ Click Customer
- ✓ Use your Level 2 eAuth User ID and password or use your Login.gov ID and password

START YOUR ONLINE LOAN APPLICATION

- ✓ Click Start
- ✓ Follow the prompts as you work your way through the Online Loan Application
- ✓ Monitor your progress using the color coded status indicator along the left side of your screen

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

- ✓ When you have completed all sections and are satisfied with your application, click Submit
- ✓ Review the completion message and click Done

NEXT STEPS

Monitor your application status in the Applications section of the Online Loan Application.

7 CALENDAR DAYS

Within 7 calendar days of your OLA submission, FSA will send you a letter that will tell you if your application is complete or if additional information is needed.

Important Note

The initial release of OLA in 2023 will only be available for applicants who are operating as an INDIVIDUAL. Expansion to informal entities (including married couples applying jointly) and legal entities (Partnerships, LLCs, Corporations, etc.) is planned for future releases.

What else can the Online Loan Application show me?

- Dashboard: View any existing OLA applications in progress but not yet submitted
- Application: View all OLA applications submitted online
- Documents: Upload supporting documents to be used throughout the OLA process
- Profile: View your personal customer information on record with FSA.

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