



How to Create a Free FamilySearch Account

Computer guide

FamilySearch is completely free. No paid version exists.

A free account gives you access to FamilySearch records, the shared Family Tree, photos and memories, research tools, and learning resources.

Before you begin

Have access to an email address or mobile number so FamilySearch can activate the account and help recover it later.

On a computer (Mac or PC)

- 1 Open Safari, Chrome, Firefox, or Edge and go to FamilySearch.org.
- 2 Click Sign Up in the upper-right corner.
- 3 Choose the easiest sign-in option: Google, Facebook, Apple, or a Church account. You may also choose Create a username and password.
- 4 If you create a username, enter your first and last name, birth date, username, password, and an email address or mobile number for account recovery.
- 5 Read and agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Notice, then click Done.
- 6 Open the email or text from FamilySearch and follow the instructions to activate your account.
- 7 Return to FamilySearch.org and sign in. You are ready to begin!

Good to know

Anyone age 13 or older can create an account. Children ages 8-12 need parental permission.

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Phone and tablet guide

Create your account in the FamilySearch Tree app

The sign-up choices are similar on both Apple and Android devices.

On an iPhone or iPad

- 1 Open the App Store.
- 2 Search for FamilySearch Tree and download the app.
- 3 Open the app. Choose a provider sign-in, or tap Continue with Username and then Sign Up.
- 4 Follow the prompts. If creating a username, enter the requested account and recovery information.
- 5 Activate the account from the email or text, then return to the app and sign in.

On an Android device

- 1 Open the Google Play Store.
- 2 Search for FamilySearch Tree and download the app.
- 3 Open the app. Choose a provider sign-in, or tap Continue with Username and then Sign Up.
- 4 Follow the prompts. If creating a username, enter the requested account and recovery information.
- 5 Activate the account from the email or text, then return to the app and sign in.

Once you are signed in, you can:

Search historical records • Build your family tree • Save photographs and stories • Explore research tools

Want to watch the steps?

Open your phone camera and point it at the QR code. Tap the link that appears to watch the video tutorial.

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