

# Life Members: How to sign up to Twitter

**Here are the instructions from Twitter on how to create an account on the web:**

1. Go to <http://twitter.com> and find the sign up box, or go directly to <https://twitter.com/signup>.
2. Enter your full name, phone number, and a password.
3. Click **Sign up** for Twitter.
4. In order to verify your phone number, we will send you an SMS text message with a code. Enter the verification code in the box provided. Learn more about having a phone number associated with your account [here](#).
5. Once you've clicked **Sign up for Twitter**, you can select a username (usernames are unique identifiers on Twitter) — type your own or choose one we've suggested. We'll tell you if the username you want is available.
6. Double-check your name, phone number, password, and username.
7. Click **Create my account**. You may be asked to complete a Captcha to let us know that you're human.

**Note:** if you'd like to sign up with Twitter using an email address, you can do so via the "Use email instead" link at the bottom of the sign up page.

## **Tips for picking a username:**

- Your username is the name your followers use when sending @replies, mentions, and direct messages.
- It will also form the URL of your Twitter profile page. We'll provide a few available suggestions when you sign up, but feel free to choose your own.
- **Please note:** You can [change your username](#) in your account settings at any time, as long as the new username is not already in use.
- Usernames must be **fewer than 15 characters** in length and cannot contain "admin" or "Twitter", in order to avoid brand confusion.

## **Important information about signing up with email address:**

- **An email address can only be associated with one Twitter account at a time.**
- The email address you use on your Twitter account is not publicly visible to others on Twitter.
- We use the email you enter to confirm your new Twitter account. Be sure to enter an email address that you actively use and have access to. Check your inbox for a [confirmation email](#) to make sure you signed up for your account correctly.

## **First steps after you've created your account:**

After signing up, follow a handful of accounts to create a customized stream of information on your home timeline. [Following](#) means you'll get that user's Tweets on your Twitter home timeline. You can [unfollow](#) anyone at any time. Find out how to follow news sources, friends, and more in our [Finding people on Twitter](#) article.