

AWS Educate Starter Account FAQ

General

1. *What is AWS Educate Starter Account?*

The AWS Educate Starter Account offers you free access to a specified, capped amount of AWS cloud resources without requiring a credit card for payment. The AWS Educate Starter Account is run and managed by a third party, qwikLABS, and the Starter Account runs in the third party's environment. To register for the AWS Educate Starter Account, [click here](#). You will receive login details once you successfully register.

2. *What are the benefits of the AWS Educate Starter Account?*

The AWS Educate Starter Account does not require a credit card or payment option, and usage is capped with a specific amount of AWS credits. The account provides access to most AWS services ([click here](#) to see a list of eligible services). Students at AWS Educate member institutions will receive \$75 (US) of AWS credit per year in their AWS Educate Starter Account, and students at non-member institutions will receive \$30 (US) of AWS credit per year.

3. *What is the difference between the AWS Account and AWS Educate Starter Account?*

	AWS Account	AWS Educate Starter Account
Credit amount for students at member institution	\$100	\$75
Credit amount for students at non-member institution	\$40	\$30
Requires a credit card	Yes	No
Resource usage "capped" at AWS credit amount (can't go over)	No	Yes
Portable: Ability to keep using AWS account post-graduation	Yes	No
Eligible for AWS Free Tier	Yes	No
AWS Account can be linked with other accounts	Yes	No
AWS eligible services	All AWS services	Click here
Eligibility for AWS promotional codes	Yes	No

4. *Should I apply for an AWS Educate Starter Account instead of an AWS Account?*

Selecting an AWS account allows for the greatest amount of flexibility, access to AWS services, eligibility for AWS Free Tier in year one, post-graduation portability, and a larger AWS credit amount through the AWS Educate program. The AWS Educate Starter Account is a great alternative only if you do not have access to a credit card.

5. *Who is eligible to receive an AWS Educate Starter Account?*

All students who are not yet members of AWS Educate are eligible to register for the AWS Educate Starter Account. Current AWS Educate members and educators are not eligible for the AWS Educate Starter Account.

6. *Are educators eligible to receive an AWS Educate Starter Account?*

The AWS Educate Starter account was designed specifically to extend the benefits of AWS Educate to students who do not have access to a credit card. Only students are eligible to register for the AWS Starter Account.

7. *How many AWS credits will I receive in my AWS Educate Starter Account?*

You will receive up to \$75 (US) in AWS credits if your institution is part of AWS Educate and up to \$30 (US) in AWS credits if your institution has not joined the program yet. If you want to see if your institution has joined AWS Educate, please click [here](#).

8. *Can I convert my AWS Educate Starter Account into a regular AWS Account?*

We currently do not offer the option to convert an AWS Educate Starter Account to an AWS Account. If you'd like to open a full AWS account (with a credit card), please click [here](#).

9. *What AWS services can I use with my AWS Educate Starter Account?*

Please see [here](#) for a full list of eligible services.

Credit and Billing

1. *Do I need a credit card to register for the AWS Educate Starter Account?*

No credit card is needed in order to register for or use the AWS Educate Starter Account.

2. *Will I get billed if my charges exceed the amount of available credit in the AWS Educate Starter Account?*

No, you will not be billed for use of AWS services because your usage is capped at your allocated AWS credit amount. The AWS Educate Starter Account alert system (through quikLABS) will send out notifications when 50%, 75% and 90% of the AWS credit allocated in the AWS Educate Starter Account has been utilized. Once the AWS credit is depleted, the account will be terminated. We strongly recommend making a backup of important data to your local storage.

3. *Is usage “capped” in an AWS Educate Starter Account?*

Yes, usage of AWS services will be capped at \$75 (US) per year of AWS credit if your institution has joined AWS Educate and \$30 (US) per year of AWS credit if your institution has not joined the program.

4. *What happens when I reach my AWS credit limit in the AWS Educate Starter Account?*

Once the AWS credit is used up, the AWS Educate Starter account will be terminated.

5. *Can I backup my resources in an AWS Educate Starter Account?*

We recommend that you backup data or code to your local storage.

6. *If I run out of AWS credits in my AWS Educate Starter Account, can I request additional credits or provide additional payment to continue to use the Account?*

No additional credits are issued for the AWS Educate Starter Account, and you cannot add payment details.

7. *Can I renew the AWS Educate Starter Account on a yearly basis?*

Yes, the AWS Educate Starter Account will be available on an annual basis as long as you are an active student and a member of AWS Educate.

8. *Can I link my AWS Educate Starter Account to my educator or classmates' AWS Educate Starter Account or AWS Account?*

The AWS Educate Starter account is designed as a free standing account (through quikLABS) and cannot be linked to either an AWS Account or an AWS Educate Starter Account.

9. *Does AWS provide the AWS Educate Starter Account?*

No, AWS offers this service through our third party provider, quikLABS. User credentials will be provided by quikLABS. You can find quikLABS terms and conditions [here](#).

10. *I already joined AWS Educate with an AWS account. Can I switch to an AWS Educate Starter Account?*

Unfortunately, we cannot migrate AWS Accounts into AWS Educate Starter Accounts. The AWS Account provides you with full access to a wider selection of AWS services and products. The AWS Account also provides you with a larger AWS credit amount and access to the [AWS Free Tier in the first year of your usage](#). Because the AWS account is portable, you can also maintain access to the account after you leave your educational institution. Please [click here](#) for a full comparison with the AWS Educate Starter Account.

11. *I received an AWS promotional code. Can the code be used to obtain additional credits in an AWS Educate Starter Account?*

Promotional codes cannot be used to add credits to the AWS Educate Starter Account.