Create An Apple ID

In order to create an Apple ID at home, you will require:
• Your iPad (or a Mac or PC) with a current version of iTunes installed.
• An Internet connection
• A PERSONAL, (not MSD Decatur), email address that can be used to create the Apple ID

**Step 1**
Install iTunes on your Home Computer (*if necessary*).
If you do not have iTunes installed on your home computer, it can be downloaded from Apple at: [http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/](http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/)
Be sure that your computer meets the minimum system requirements.

**Step 2**
Open iTunes on your Mac or PC.

**Step 3**
Go to the iTunes Store and do a search for *iBooks*. 
Step 4
The search results for “iBooks” will appear. Under the iPad Apps heading, click on the iBooks icon. This will take you to the iBook App description/download page.

Step 5
The iBooks app page will appear. Click on the Free button under the iBook app icon.

Step 6
The “Welcome to the iTunes Store” screen will appear.
Click *Continue* to begin the process of creating an Apple ID.

**Step 7**
Before proceeding, you will need to agree to Apple’s Terms and Conditions that govern your use of the iTunes Store and Apple’s Privacy Policy. Check the box and click *Agree* to proceed.

**Step 8**
Complete the “Provide Apple ID Details” page as indicated below.

![Provide Apple ID Details](image)

Email: Enter the email address you are using to set up the account. This will be the ID you will use to log into the account in the future.

Password: Apple is pretty picky about password security. You need a minimum 8 character password that contains letters, numbers and at least one capital letter. As you enter your password, a popup window to the side will let you know if the password is acceptable.
You’ll need to select some security questions and enter the appropriate answers.

Optional Rescue Email: Apple provides you the option to enter a different email address than the one you are using to create the account to send account reset information if necessary.

Birth Date: Enter your date of birth.

You can opt to receive email announcements from Apple if you wish. To avoid unnecessary emails directed to the account, uncheck both of these boxes.

Click Continue to proceed.

**Step 9**
You will now be asked to provide a payment method. You have 2 options. You can either enter your credit card information (VISA, MasterCard, American Express) or select None.
Selecting **NONE**, by no means, precludes purchasing apps from the app store. What would have to happen first, however, is to purchase an iTunes Gift Card and redeem the card to your account before you would be permitted to download paid content. Once the gift card balance hits zero, you would not be able to download any additional paid content without first redeeming another gift card.

Your billing address is required even if you have selected the **NONE** option. Enter your billing address. Remember, setting the account up with **NONE** as the payment option will not allow you to incur any unexpected charges to a credit card.

Now, click the **Create Apple ID** button.

**Step 10**
Once you have completed Step 9, you will receive a notice that a verification email has been sent to the email address you used to create the account.

Check your inbox for that email account for a message from Apple titled “Please verify the contact email address for your Apple ID.” It may take a few minutes to arrive. Be patient.

That message will contain a link that you need to follow to verify your new account.

Click on the Verify Now link in that message. It will take you to the Apple ID sign in page on the web.
Step 11
Once at the web page that will appear, enter your newly created Apple ID and password and click the Verify Address button.

If all information was entered correctly, a confirmation screen will be displayed indicating that your email address has been verified.

Click the Return to the Store button.

Congratulations. Your Apple ID is now ready to use!