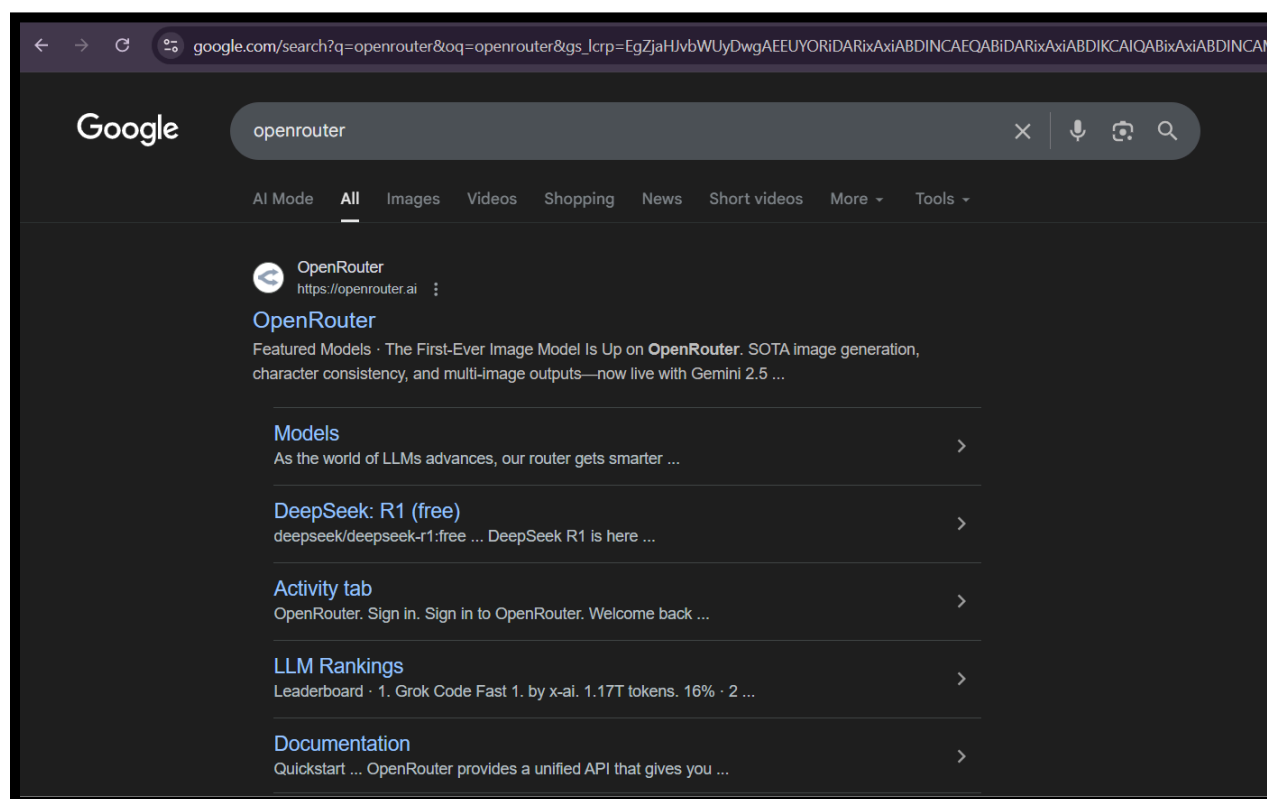# How to Create Your OpenRouter API Key (Step by Step)
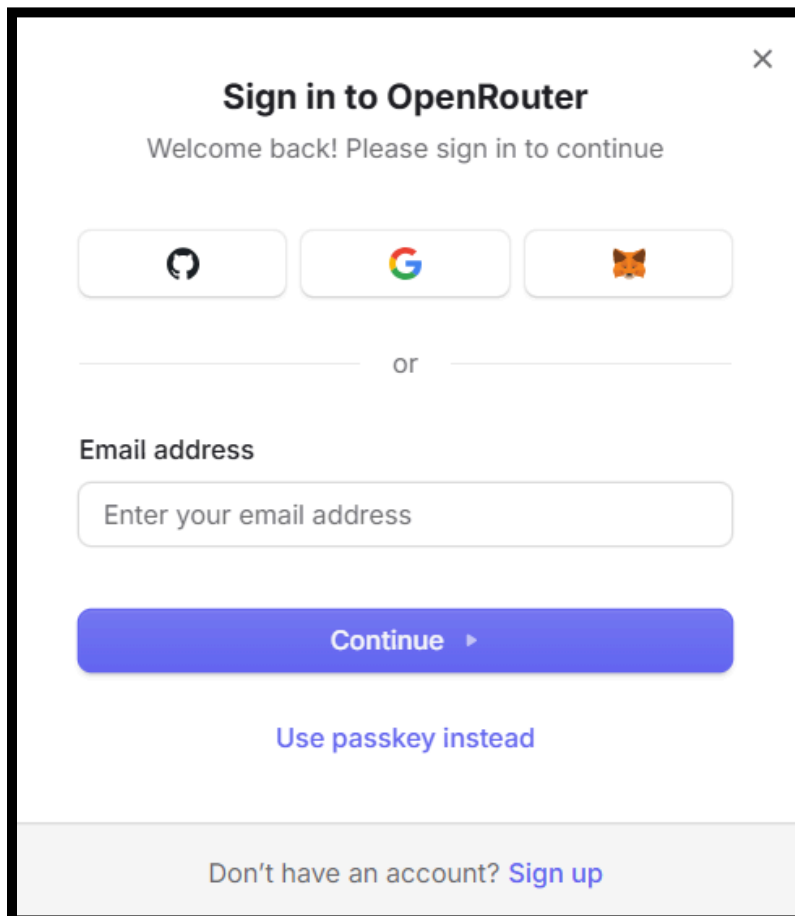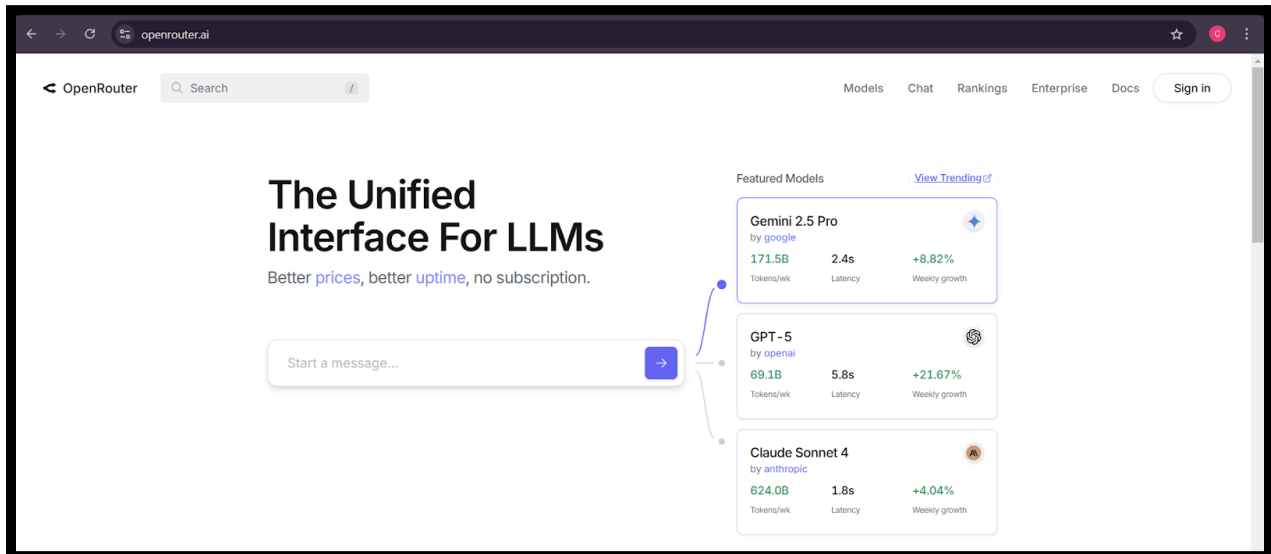
Step – 1: Go to OpenRouter

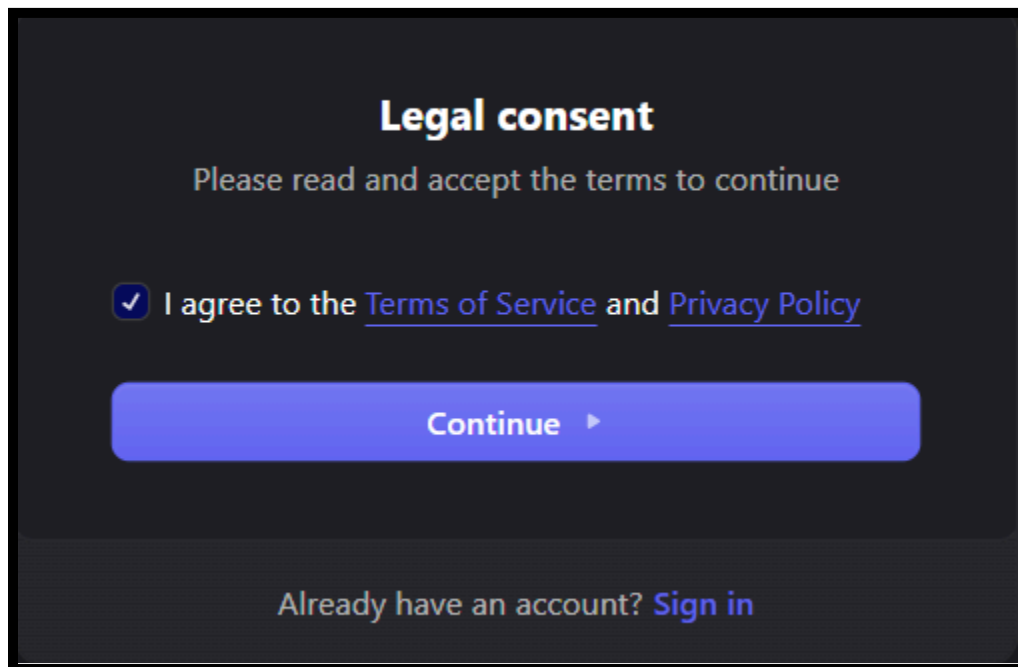Open your browser and go to https://openrouter.ai.

Step – 2: Sign In or Create an Account

Log in using Google, GitHub, or email. If you don't have an account, create one

Step – 3: Authentication & Terms

When signing in for the first time, you may need to authenticate your account (e.g., via email/Google) and agree to OpenRouter's Terms & Conditions before continuing.

Step – 4: Go to API Keys
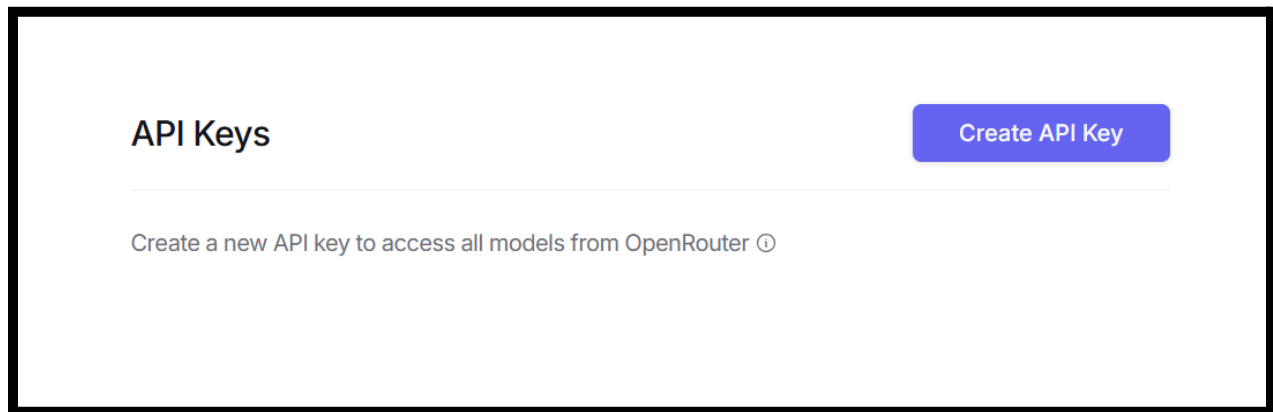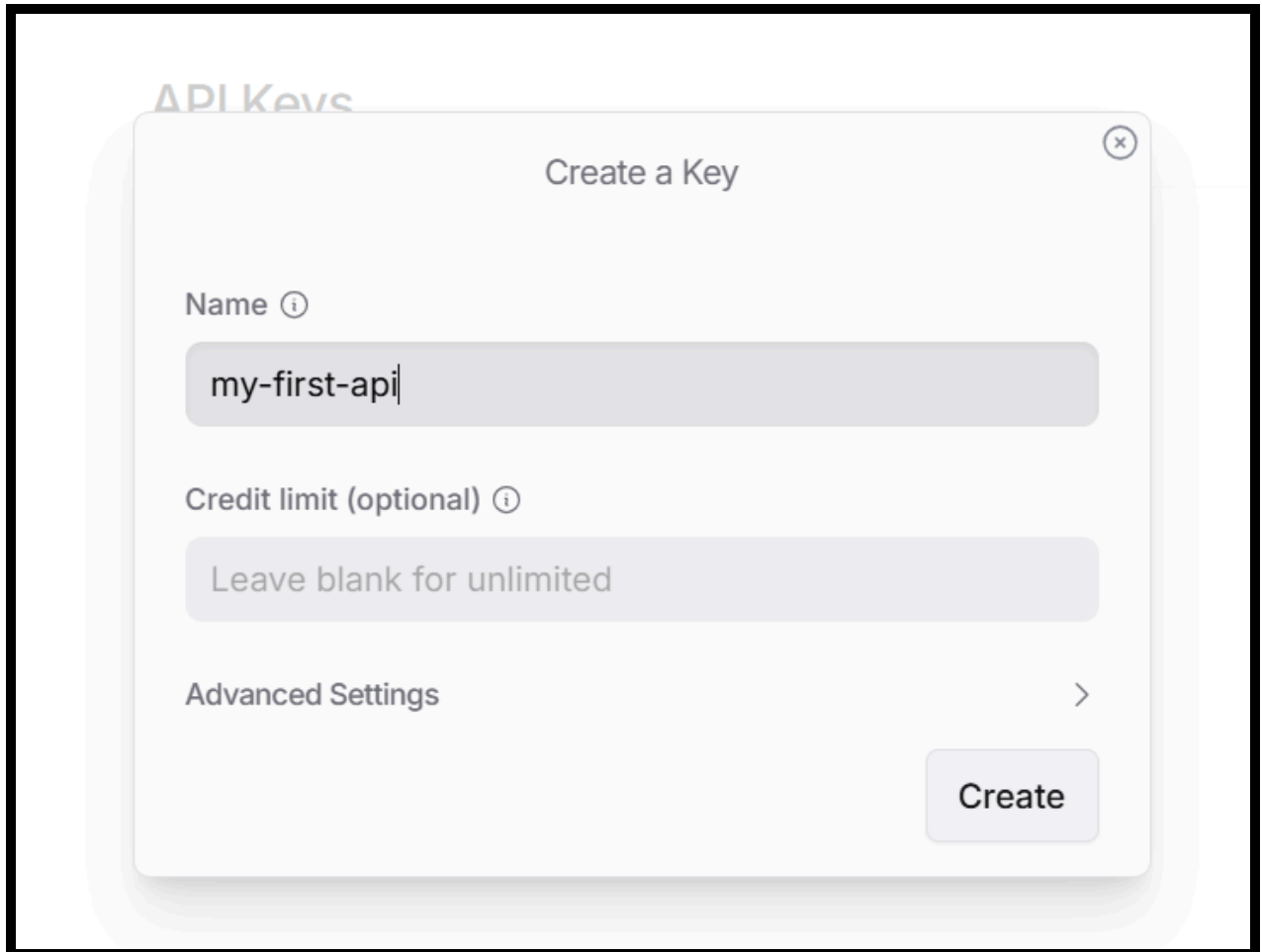
Step – 5: Create a New Key

Click on **Create Key** to generate a new API key.

Step – 6: Copy and Store Your Key Safely

Copy your new API key and **save it somewhere secure**. Do not share it publicly.

API Keys

Create a Key

Your new key:

```
sk-or-v1-5593ff5d5c8c4999971646ebeaeedc3275
```

✓

Please copy it now and write it down somewhere safe. **You will not be able to see it again.**

You can use it with OpenAI-compatible apps, or [your own code](#)