

Here are the instructions you'll need to follow to set up your Anthropic API key.

1. Retrieve your API key

You will receive an Anthropic API key through a Bitwarden Send link delivered by email. This link is personalized for you and **will expire in 7 days**. Open the link and copy your API key.

2. Create or update your local `.env` file

If your project does not already have a `.env` file, create one in the project root:

```
None
touch .env
```

Then open the `.env` file in your editor and add:

```
None
ANTHROPIC_API_KEY=your_api_key_here
```

Replace `your_api_key_here` with the key you copied from the Bitwarden page.

You can verify the key is loaded correctly by running:

```
None
echo "$ANTHROPIC_API_KEY"
```

3. Create local Claude configuration

These commands ensure Claude only uses the key **inside this project**, not globally.

Run the following **inside your project directory**:

3.1 — Create a project-local Claude config folder

None

```
mkdir -p .claude
```

3.2 — Create the Claude settings file

None

```
cat << 'EOF' > .claude/settings.json
{
  "apiKeyHelper": "./.claude/get-api-key.sh"
}
EOF
```

3.3 — Create the helper script that loads the API key

None

```
cat << 'EOF' > .claude/get-api-key.sh
#!/bin/bash

# Load project-local .env file
set -o allexport
source "$(dirname "$0")/../../.env"
set +o allexport

# Output the API key to Claude Code
echo "$ANTHROPIC_API_KEY"
EOF
```

3.4 — Make the script executable

None

```
chmod ug+x .claude/get-api-key.sh
```

4. Now launch Claude Code

Since your API key is configured locally, you should not need to sign up or go through any login prompt.