

✓ Recommended Path for You

1. Sign Up with Your Student Email + Personal Email

Use your student email to access AWS Educate and other student perks.

Set a personal email as your recovery address and AWS login backup.

Create a personal AWS account too (even with the same credit card), for production-level or certification practice when needed.

2. Join These Free Learning Programs

Platform	What You Get	Link
AWS Educate	Free credits, student sandbox, training	Great for starting
AWS Skill Builder	Free courses + certification prep	Choose "Cloud Practitioner" track first
GitHub Student Pack	\$100 AWS credit, other dev tools	Use your student GitHub account

3. Target Certifications (for beginners to job-ready)

Level	Cert	Why It's Useful
Beginner	AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner	Foundation-level cert, no deep tech needed
Intermediate	AWS Solutions Architect – Associate	Recognized by employers, covers real cloud design
● Optional	Developer Associate / SysOps	Depending on your path: dev or infra/cloud ops

✂️ Suggested Tech Stack to Learn Alongside

Area	Tools to Learn
Compute	EC2, Lambda
Storage	S3, EBS, Glacier
Networking	VPC, Route 53
IAM	Roles, Policies, MFA
Databases	RDS, DynamoDB
CI/CD	CodePipeline, CodeDeploy
Monitoring	CloudWatch, CloudTrail
IaC (Infrastructure as Code)	Terraform or AWS CloudFormation

💡 Pro Tips to Boost Your Job Readiness

Create a portfolio of small AWS projects (e.g., host a Flask app on EC2, store media in S3).

Blog about your journey on Dev.to or Medium. Even short "How I did this on AWS" helps.

Practice hands-on labs (free ones on SkillBuilder or Qwiklabs).

Join LinkedIn & add 'AWS Cloud Learner | Student' to your title.

Network with cloud professionals—Discords, Twitter, LinkedIn.

⚠️ What to Avoid

✗ Don't run expensive services (e.g., EC2 GPU instances) unless you're sure.

✗ Don't ignore budget alerts.

✗ Don't rely only on theoretical knowledge. Hands-on always wins.