

## ☑ 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.