

Getting a Free Yahoo Email Account

There are many sites on the internet that offer free email service. One of the most popular is Yahoo Mail. Following are instructions on how to create a new Yahoo account. The web site to do so is linked from the Library web page (<http://www.ardmorelibrary.org/links/links.htm>) or you can type in the address shown to go directly to it.

Go to <http://mail.yahoo.com/> to see this screen:

The screenshot shows the Yahoo! Mail login page in Internet Explorer. The browser window title is "Yahoo! Mail: The best web-based email! - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "https://login.yahoo.com/config/login_verify2?8.src=ym". The page content includes a promotional banner for "SHARE MORE PHOTOS THAN EVER BEFORE. It's Yahoo!ou" with a photo of a smiling child. Below the banner, there is a link "Introducing an easier way to share photos from your Inbox. Check it out." and a list of features: "Attach batches of photos at once — up to 25MB.", "See thumbnail previews of attached photos.", and "Rotate and delete photos easily right from your email." On the right side, there is a "Sign in to Yahoo!" form with fields for "Yahoo! ID:" (with an example "e.g. free2rhyme@yahoo.com") and "Password:". Below the form, there is a checkbox for "Keep me signed in for 2 weeks unless I sign out. Info [Uncheck if on a shared computer]" and a "Sign In" button. A link "I can't access my account | Help" is also present. A red box highlights the "Don't have a Yahoo! ID? Signing up is easy." link, with a red arrow pointing to the "Sign Up" link. At the bottom, there is a section titled "One Yahoo! ID. So much fun!" with text: "Use your single ID for everything from checking Mail to checking out Yahoo! Music, Flickr, Messenger, and more."

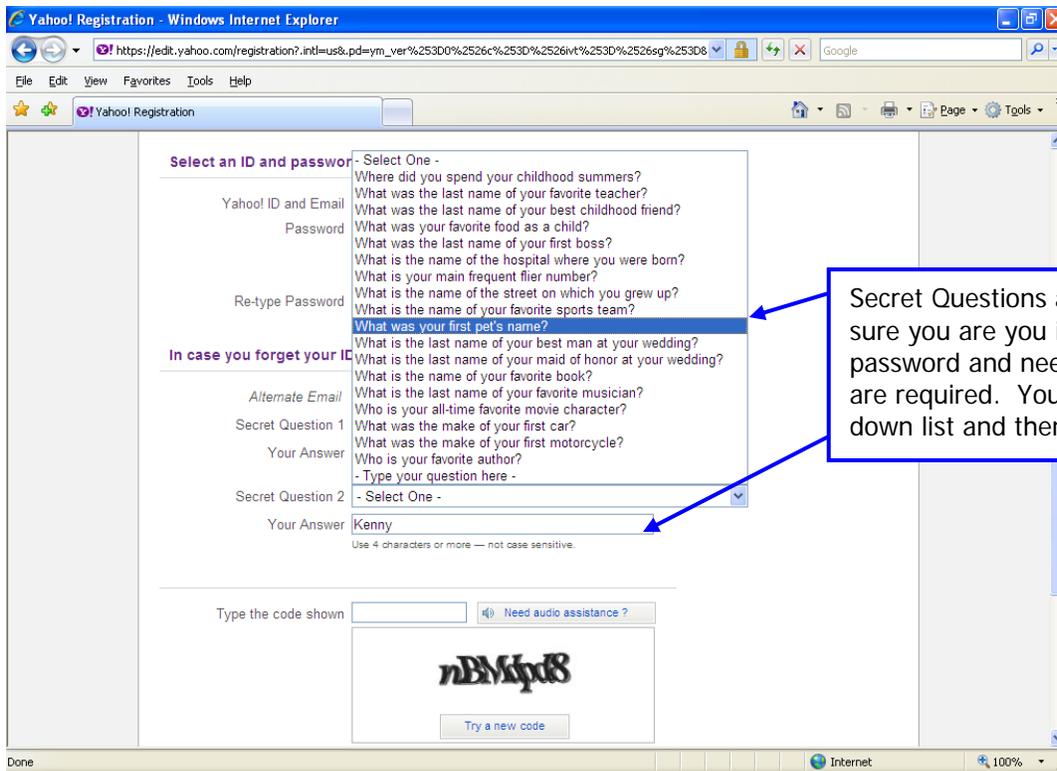
This form will come up. Read each line and fill in each blank, step by step.

When you have completely filled out the form, click the "Create My Account" button.

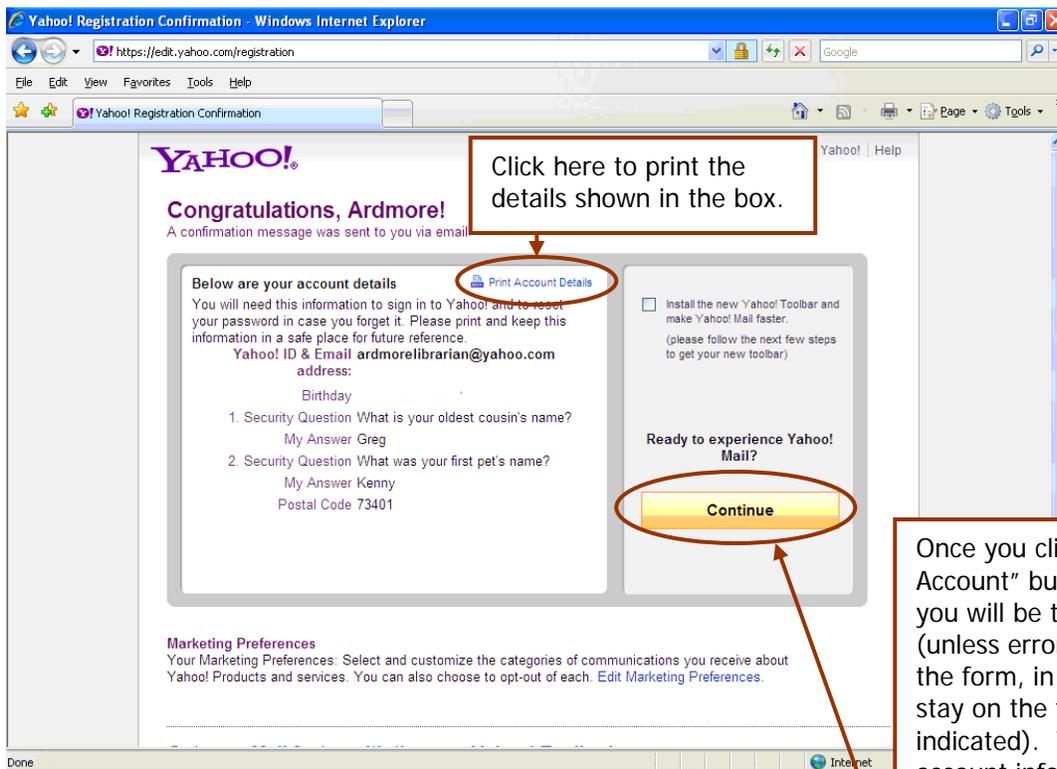
See explanation/example of Secret Questions below.

When selecting a password, Yahoo requires at least six (6) characters. These can be upper or lower case letters and/or numbers and/or symbols. Whatever you type, you must type it EXACTLY the same way every time. Also, Yahoo will tell you how 'strong' your password is while you are entering it. The 'stronger' your password, the lower the chance someone will guess it.

Based on the name information you enter at the top of the form, Yahoo will recommend available ID names to you (which will also be the first part of your email address). You can click on one to use it or you can type in one of your own choosing.



Secret Questions are a way for Yahoo to be sure you are you if you forget your password and need their assistance. Two are required. You select each from a drop-down list and then type in the answer.



Click here to print the details shown in the box.

Once you click the "Create My Account" button as shown above, you will be taken to this screen (unless errors were made filling out the form, in which case you will stay on the form and errors will be indicated). This summarizes your account information. You may want to print this page for future reference. Once you have done so, click the "Continue" button.

