GitHub Account and Student Verification Information

Students do NOT need a university email address or identification to create a basic free GitHub account. Anyone can sign up using ANY valid email address — either personal or school email. However, if students want to access the GitHub Student Developer Pack, which includes GitHub Pro and many additional free developer tools, they will need to verify their student status. GitHub offers two ways to verify student status:

- Use a school email address – If the email domain matches a recognized school, GitHub often approves it automatically.
- Upload documentation – If no school email is available, students can upload proof such as a student ID card, class schedule, or enrollment letter showing their name and current term.

For a basic free GitHub account, no verification or identification is required — only an email address and password. Verification is only needed for accessing the GitHub Student Developer Pack and related perks.