

## [Walk Through Wordpress](#)

In the beginning of ChristianWritersBookstore.com, there were no memberships. However, as it has expanded from a simple book promotion website to a blogging platform with social media features, certain restrictions were set in place. If you are one of the earlier authors, you may recall the sign-up form was on the front page of the website for any author to sign up. The Guest Bloggers page was also on the front menu.

However, ChristianWritersBookstore now offers three memberships- Silver, Gold, and Gold Supreme. The main reason is to add a layer of security from random SPAM content on the website. The memberships also offer a benefit for people who desire to share content.

Once you sign up for the free Silver Membership, you will have access to the Author and Artist Signup Form to have your books and/ or music added to the website as well as the Guest Bloggers form. As a Silver Member, there is a social feature to connect with other members, and a forum, but this is only seen by other members. Any posts and events Silver Members share will require an approval and edit.

However, if you already have, or choose to create, a [Wordpress](#) account, you will have access to more features, especially if you choose to become a Gold Member. If you have a Wordpress account connected, Gold and Gold Supreme Members will have full access to edit their Author's Page. You can set up a sign-up form on your Author's Page and posts. You will also be able to share your upcoming Events on the Events page without required approval.

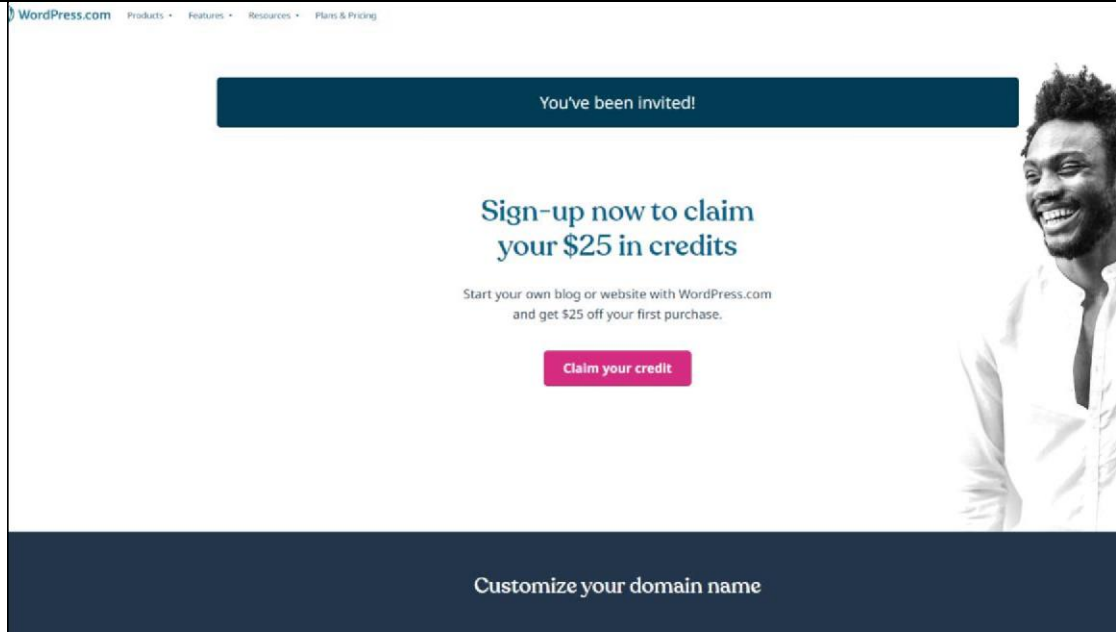
In this PDF, I'm walking you through the [Wordpress](#) set up design. However, if you already have a Wordpress account, you will not need to go through this set.

## Step 1: Set Up

Using the provided [referral link](#) allows for both you and ChristianWritersBookstore to earn \$25 credit in website costs.

Don't worry though. It is completely free to create a Wordpress account.

Select "Claim Your Credit".



The screenshot shows the WordPress.com website with a referral offer. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Products, Features, Resources, and Plans & Pricing. A dark blue banner at the top center reads "You've been invited!". Below this, the main heading says "Sign-up now to claim your \$25 in credits". Underneath, it states "Start your own blog or website with WordPress.com and get \$25 off your first purchase." A pink button labeled "Claim your credit" is centered below the text. On the right side of the page, there is a partial view of a smiling man in a white shirt. At the bottom of the page, a dark blue footer contains the text "Customize your domain name".

# Let's get started

First, create your WordPress.com account. Have an account? [Log in](#)

Your email address

Username

Choose a password

By creating an account, you agree to our [Terms of Service](#).

Create your account



Continue with Google



Continue with Apple

OR

If you continue with Google or Apple and don't already have a WordPress.com account, you are creating an account and you agree to our [Terms of Service](#).

Once you "Claim Your Credit", you can select a website name. Remember that if you are simply creating it for your Silver or Gold Membership, the name will not matter. But if you think you may want to create a website at a later date, perhaps you should consider the name.

I put in my name "michaelfurlonger" and it provided a number of options.

I will choose the Free version.

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## Choose a domain

Enter some descriptive keywords to get started

 × Filter

michaelfurlonger.ca Recommended

Free for the first year  
€520/year

Select

michael-fur-longer.com Best Alternative

Free for the first year  
€524/year

Select

michaelfurlonger106458547.wordpress.com

Free

Select

michaelfurlonger.blog

Free for the first year  
€524/year

Select

Get a free registration plan.

Use the search domain you

We'll pay the fees for you.

Choose my

Already

Connect your domain to your WordPress.com mapping or

Use a domain

The next page will show you some addons that have a cost.


If you are interested in creating your own website, you may want to consider these. But if you are interested in joining simply to be a Silver or Gold Member, select Continue on the top right.

## Boost your plan with add-ons

Continue


Expand what's possible with your free WordPress.com site, one feature at a time. The cost of these add-ons can be applied towards a paid plan when you're ready to upgrade.

+ Select all add-ons

 **Premium Themes** Popular  
C\$3 monthly, billed yearly


Add beautiful, premium design themes to your site. C\$68.00 each. Or just C\$3.00/month for the full collection.

[Add to my plan](#)

 **Remove Ads**  
C\$3 monthly, billed yearly

Remove ads for a clean, uncluttered site that puts your content center stage.

[Add to my plan](#)

 **Custom CSS**  
C\$3 monthly, billed yearly

Take customization of every design detail on your site to the next level by tapping into the power of CSS code.

[Add to my plan](#)

This next page is where people jump ship. They see a price and say, "I don't think so."

However, there is a smaller choice just below, "Choose The Right Plan For You". It says, "Start with a free site".

## Choose the right plan for you

Try risk-free with a 14-day money-back guarantee or [start with a free site](#)

### WordPress Starter

Great for blogs and simple sites:

- Custom domain name.
- Collect payments and donations.
- 6GB of storage for images.
- Automatic WordPress updates.
- A la carte upgrades available.

C\$7

per month, billed yearly

[Choose Starter](#)

### WordPress Pro

Great for business and custom sites:

- Unlock 50+ plugins and themes.
- Advanced ecommerce tools.
- Premium website themes.
- 50GB of media storage.
- 24-hour live chat support.

C\$20

per month, billed yearly

[Choose Pro](#)

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| <input type="radio"/> Unlimited Traffic | ✓ Included |
| <input type="radio"/> Managed Hosting   | ✓ Included |
| <input type="radio"/> Free themes       | ✓ Included |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited Traffic | ✓ Included |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Managed Hosting   | ✓ Included |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free themes       | ✓ Included |

From this dropdown box, you can choose a category of interest.

Pick what you like and select "Continue".

## What's your website about?

Choose a category that defines your website the best.



Search for a category

Ex. Cafe, Education, Photography

We will use this information to guide you towards next steps.

Continue

This next page is optional. You can choose a blog name and a tagline and click "Continue".

As I said, unless you are planning on creating a website at a later date, this feature doesn't matter.

I would recommend "Write and Publish".

And then, "Continue".

## First, let's give your blog a name



Blog name (optional)

Web Design & Development

Tagline (optional)

In a few words, explain what your blog is about.

Continue

Promote myself or business

Other

Continue

Already have an existing website? [Import your site content](#)

Hire our experts to create your dream site. [Get Started](#)

[Skip to dashboard](#)

On this page, you can write your first blog, watch some blogging videos, or choose a design. All of this depends on your purpose for the website.

For this purpose, I will click on Skip To Dashboard on the top right.

Nice job! Now it's time to get creative.

Don't worry. You can come back to these steps!



Draft your first post

Start writing and build an audience

Start writing



Watch Blogging videos

Learn the blogging basics in minutes

Start learning



Choose a design

Make your blog feel like home

View designs