YouTube
Verify Your Account

When you try to upload your first video over 15 minutes long, you will be told you have to verify your account in order to do so. Follow these steps to complete the verification process, BEFORE you try to upload your first video over 15 minutes long. It is REALLY easy.

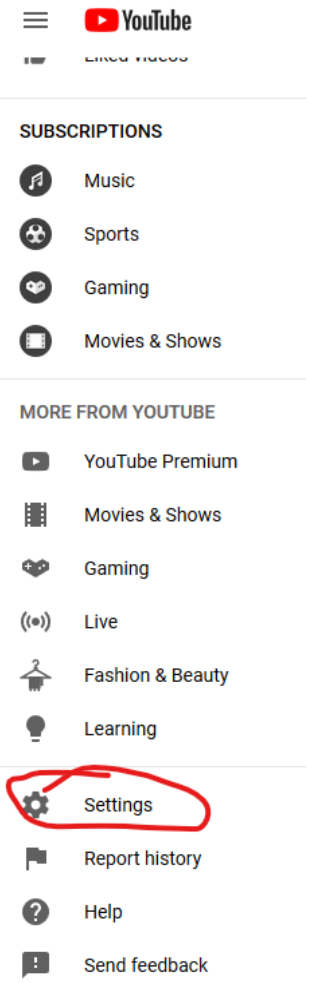
You need to verify your account so you can gain access to the following features:

- Access to Custom Thumbnails
- Upload videos over than 15 minutes long
- Live stream
- Appeal any content ID claims.

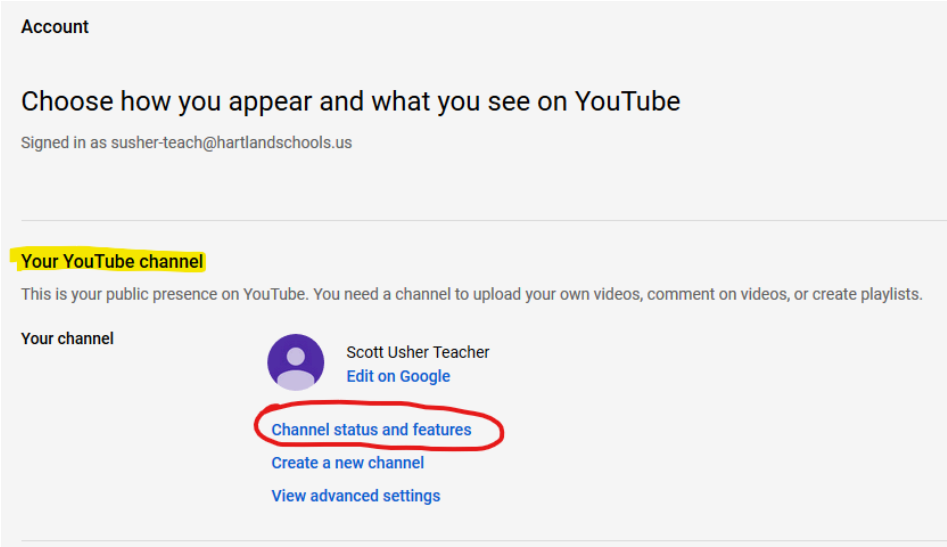
Why does YouTube need your phone number? It uses your phone number to verify who your account belongs to and to help protect the platform against abuse and SPAM.

YouTube ONLY lets you verify two accounts per phone number per year.

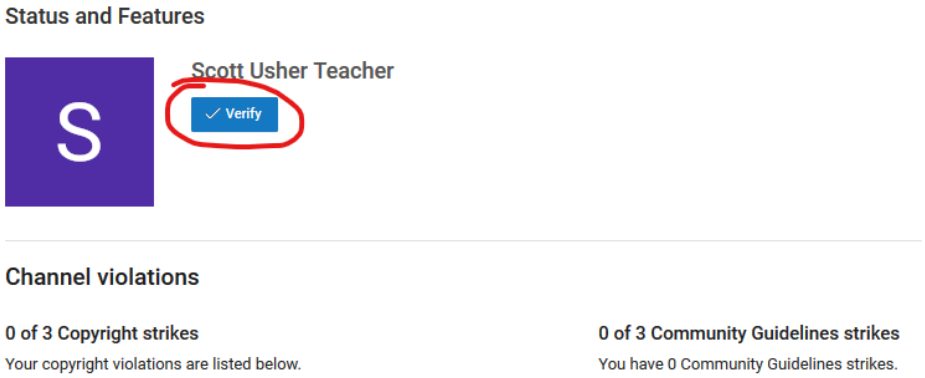
1. Open YouTube making sure that you are logged into your account.
2. Scroll down the left-hand side tab and find the option for “Settings” and click on it.



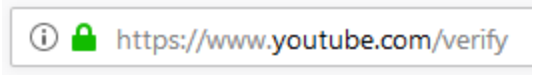
3. In the center, find “Your YouTube Channel” and then click on “Channel status and features”.



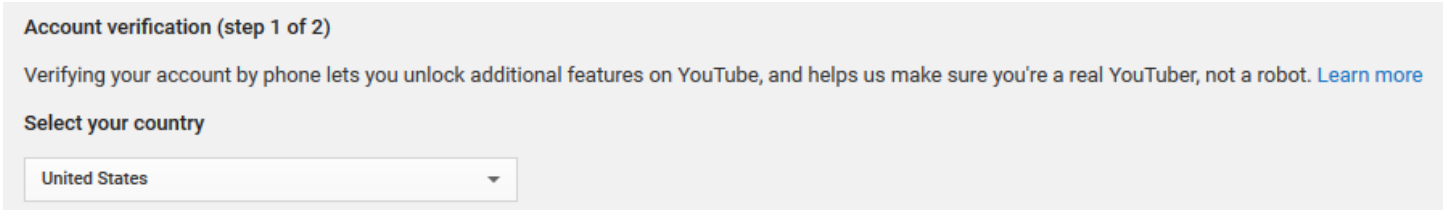
4. Under your channel name you will see a blue “Verify” button. You can click on that button.



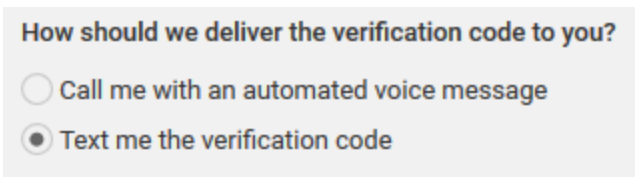
* For a shortcut on simply be sure you are logged into your Google Account in your Chrome Browser and type in youtube.com/verify in the URL field:



5. Select your country.

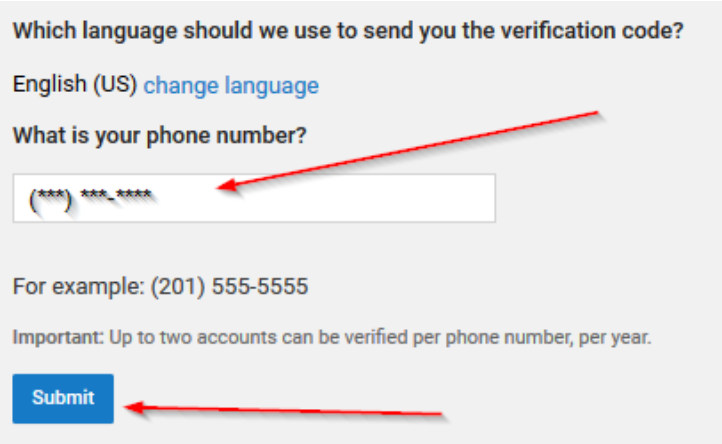


6. Select the radial button indicating if you want YouTube to call or text you with your verification code.

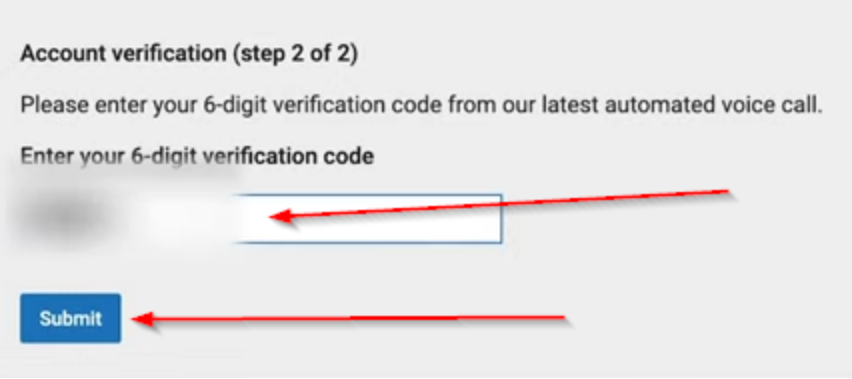


a. *If you selected the TEXT option and you wait over 5 minutes, go back and select the "Call me with an automated voice message" and you will receive the call almost immediately.*

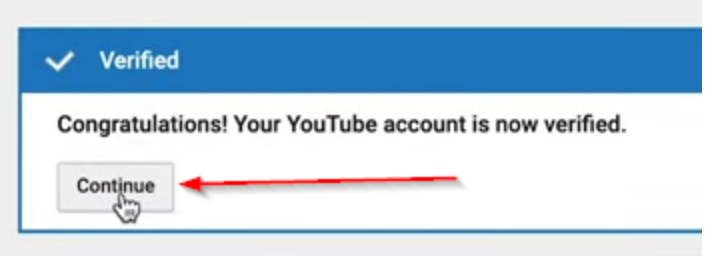
7. Type your phone number in the format provided in the field. AND click the "Submit" button.



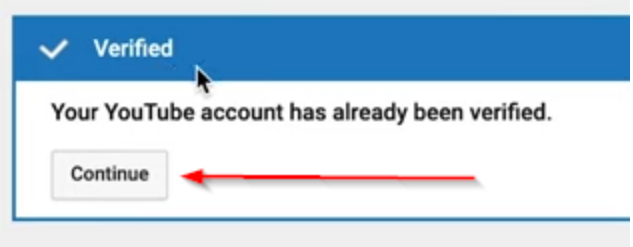
8. YouTube will either call you or text you a verification code.
9. Enter that 6-digit verification code in the field provided.



10. Click the "Submit" button.
11. You will then see a message that states "Congratulations! Your YouTube account is now verified.



12. If you wish, you can check to confirm your account has been verified.
13. While still logged into your Chrome browser, browse to youtube.com/verify.
14. You should now see a message confirming that your account is now verified and you can click on the "Continue" button.


Verified
Your YouTube account has already been verified.
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