

# Creating and Using Okta

## Why Am I Here?

The State of Montana has partnered with Okta (a digital identity platform) to keep your personal information and credit card information secure on state managed web sites.

Once you have an Okta account, you will be able to safely access multiple State of Montana services and systems.

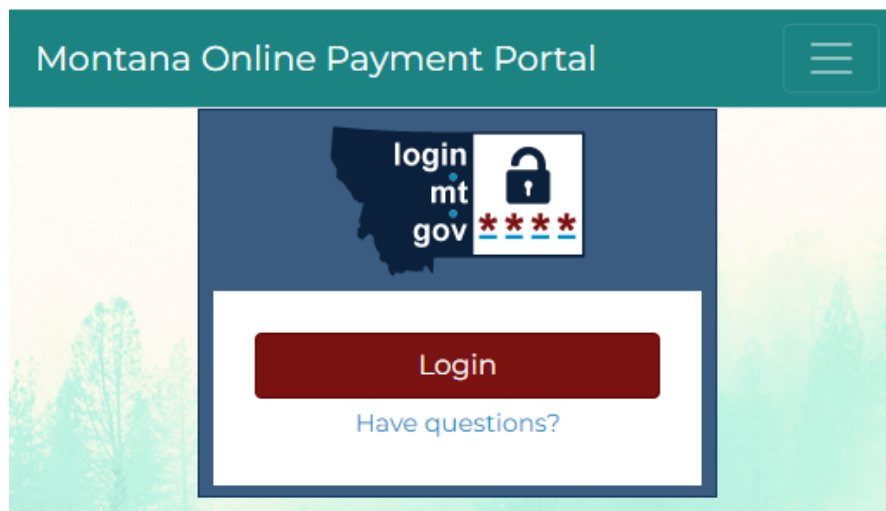
To Donate or purchase or renew your Membership or Subscription to Montana the Magazine of Western History using the online portal, you must have an Okta account.

If you prefer not to create an Okta account, you can contact the Montana Historical Society at +1-800-243-9900 or +1-406-444-2694 and we can process the transaction by phone.

*Note: If you have already created an Okta account for services provided by other state agencies, you can login with your existing Okta account.*

## Getting Started:


When selecting the membership, subscribe, or donate button on the Montana Historical Society (MTHS) web site at <https://mths.mt.gov>, you will be directed to **Login** before the purchase or donation.



## Creating a New Okta Account as a First-Time User

1. To create a new Okta account, select **Login**.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the login screen where it says “Don't have an account?” and select **Sign up**.

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 MONTANA.GOV  
OFFICIAL STATE WEBSITE

## Sign up

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Email

First name

Last name

Password

Password requirements:

- At least 8 characters
- A lowercase letter
- An uppercase letter
- A number
- No parts of your username

[Sign Up](#)

[Already have an account?](#)

3. The window above should open, enter the following information:
  - a. **Email** address which will be used to communicate with the MTHS. *We do not share email addresses.*
  - b. **First Name**
  - c. **Last Name**
  - d. A **password** that is at least 8 characters long with one lower and one upper case letter and a number. *The password cannot include a part of your email address/user name.*
  
4. At the bottom of the screen select the **Sign Up** button.
  - a. If you receive an error message that a user with this email already exists, **scroll to the bottom and select “Already have an account?”**
  - b. On the next screen select **Forgot Password**
  - c. On next screen enter **password** and select **Submit**
  - d. Check email and follow instructions to reset password.

Security methods help protect your mtgov account by ensuring only you have access.

#### Set up required



#### Email

Verify with a link or code sent to your email  
Used for access or recovery

[Set up](#)



#### Security Question

Choose a security question and answer that will be used for signing in  
Used for recovery

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5. Set up security methods: These methods help protect your account.
  - a. Select **Setup** under email and the system will send an email from Okta titled “Activate Account” with a link to verify your email address.  
*Note: If you do not receive an email, check the spam or junk mail folder.*

**Verify with your email**  
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@bresnan.net

We sent an email to n\*\*\*h@bresnan.net. Click the verification link in your email to continue or enter the code below.

[Enter a verification code instead](#)

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6. A message will appear on the screen saying an email has been sent
  - a. Check email and **click on link** to verify
  - b. If you have issues with verification, contact the State of Montana help desk at +1-406-444-2000 or email [sitsdsupport@mt.gov](mailto:sitsdsupport@mt.gov).



## Set up security question

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@bresnan.net

- Choose a security question
- Create my own security question

### Choose a security question

What is the food you least liked as a chil... ▾

### Answer

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Verify

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7. The link will open in the web browser and ask you to set up security questions. Follow the instructions to enter an answer to a security question and select **Verify**.
8. You will then be prompted to add other forms of verification, **skip this step** and select **Continue**.
9. You will be routed to the screen to purchase items or enter a donation amount.
  - a. [Instructions](#) on how to join or renew your membership or subscription
  - b. [Instructions](#) on how to donate