

# All About Amazon Prime

## Introduction

### What is Amazon Prime?

It offers multiple features including the following according to Amazon:

- Free, fast shipping for eligible purchases
- Saving 10% with the Whole Foods App
- Prime Members with an Amazon Rewards Visa Card get 5% back on Whole Foods purchases and 2% back on several other types of purchases.
- Prime Video – basically for streaming
- Prime Music – this feature is not covered since I don't subscribe to the service.
- Prime Photos – most useful of all the apps
- Amazon Drive – not very useful IMHO
- Kindle Lending Library for over 1 million books

### What does it cost?

- \$119 per year
- Students get 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months free, \$59 per year after that

### How to get a Student membership

1. Go to [www.saddleback.edu/emeritus](http://www.saddleback.edu/emeritus) and click Apply Now
2. Fill out and submit an application. For information or to check on an application call 949-582-4835
3. You will get instructions on how to get an email address ending in .edu
4. Once you have it you can switch an existing Prime Account to a Student account.

### Here are some more details

#### Shipping

- Most items over \$25 have free shipping even without a Prime Membership.

#### Prime Video

- There is an Amazon Prime Video App which can be seen [here](#).
- Streaming is available on PC, Mac, iOS with the Amazon Prime App, Roku, Amazon Fire TV Stick.
- Not with Google Chromecast or Apple TV

#### Amazon Photos

- You can upload unlimited photos and 5 GB of videos

- There is an Amazon Photos App as seen [here](#). With the app, you can view your content, upload or download photos or videos from your mobile device. You can choose whether to upload all your iPhone photos to Amazon Photos online by tapping More at the bottom, Uploads, Auto-Save. Be careful with this since you can upload thousands of photos depending on what's on your phone. You can also enable Videos.
- You can access Amazon Photos online by signing in to Amazon, clicking Accounts and Lists and selecting **Your Amazon Photos**. From here you can upload or download files either one or more files at a time or one or more folders at a time.
- Click the Add icon at the top to upload photos or a folder of photos
- From within Photos, you can download a selection of photos but not an album
- Example – I just created a new album titled Africa. Next, I dragged and dropped photos from Windows Explorer to the new online Album. Next, I went to my TV where I installed an Amazon Fire TV Stick, activated it and said “show me my photos” or “show me my albums” and I was able to see my photos.
- Downloaded photos have the same quality as the originals.
- There's also a Desktop app available [here](#), I don't recommend it.
- While online you can view your photos by Albums, People or Places. Obviously, Places works well with photos taken on a device with a GPS.
- I've found the best way to create photo albums is to place the year before the name and sort albums by name. That way they'll be in chronological order – click Sort by Name.

### Amazon Drive

- Amazon Drive has 5 components as follows:
  - Archived Music
  - Backup
  - Documents
  - Pictures
  - Videos
- The Amazon Drive App can be seen [here](#). You can upload or download from the app. I prefer to do this online.
- You can access this online by signing in to Amazon, clicking Accounts and Lists and selecting **Your Amazon Drive**. From here you can upload or download files either one or more at a time or one or more folders at a time.
- Click Manage Storage on the left to see your storage details. I noticed that I have 10 GB total storage – I think I get an additional 5 GB for my Fire Device.

- Unlimited photo storage
- 5 GB for videos and other files

### Watching content on TV

- Amazon Prime Videos can be watched on some Smart TV's, Roku or Amazon Fire TV devices. I just switched from Roku to Fire TV Stick and I enjoy the additional features.
- Amazon Photos and Music can only be accessed on a TV with an Amazon Fire TV Stick.

### Family Vault

- See the information [here](#).