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AOL Mail

The Insider's Guide

Free webmail with news and weather in a companion mobile app



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among email apps, read from AOL Mail's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from AOL Mail's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on AOL Mail's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 116 of the 122 other email apps we grade

AOL Mail is a free email service from AOL Media LLC, used in the browser or through the AOL app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app combines email and contacts with news and weather. AOL's mail pages say the service supports more than 70 languages and uses spam blocking.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about AOL Mail**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **The app mixes news and weather in with your mail and uses Nielsen measurement software, which you can turn off.**
>
> From our report card of AOL Mail

1 **Best for free webmail with a companion phone app**

AOL Mail is free to sign up for, in the browser or the AOL app on iPhone, iPad and Android.

2 **It is free**

AOL Mail has no paid plan at all. AOL Mail is free to sign up for, including the web inbox and the AOL mobile app.

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Web, iOS and Android.

4 **Free AOL account**

Signing up for an AOL account gives access to AOL Mail, news and weather without a fee, according to AOL's FAQ.

5 **Mobile app with swipe actions**

The iPhone and iPad app lets you swipe to delete, move, mark or flag messages and assign custom left and right swipe actions.

6 **Contacts in one place**

The app shows AOL contacts together with the contacts stored on the phone.

7 **A 3.2 GPA, above 116 of 122**

That is against the other email apps we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

AOL Mail is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

AOL Mail at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, iOS, Android
MADE BY AOL Media LLC	CATEGORY Email Apps
OUR GRADE 3.2 GPA, very good	STORE RATING 4.6 on the App Store, 707,147 ratings

The report card

Best for free webmail with a companion phone app

AOL Mail is free to sign up for, in the browser or the AOL app on iPhone, iPad and Android. The app mixes news and weather in with your mail and uses Nielsen measurement software, which you can turn off. The App Store shows

in-app purchases without saying what they are, and no desktop mail client is named.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	AOL Mail	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free to sign up for, including the web inbox and the mobile app. No paid plan is on record.
Free plan and trial	A	The whole service is free, with no cap on record.
Features	C	Mail, contacts, device lock and spam blocking in over 70 languages. The listing gives little else: no paid plan, no storage figure and no custom-domain option.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record, but you sign up and start using it with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web plus iPhone, iPad and Android apps. No desktop client is named and no API is listed.
Grade point average		Very good, out of 4.0 **3.2**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who AOL Mail is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a free address with a phone app
- ✓ Works for people who already have an AOL account

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want a mail-only app, as it bundles news and weather
- ✕ Watch out: the app says it uses Nielsen measurement software, switchable off in settings
- ✕ Watch out: the App Store lists in-app purchases without saying what they are
- ✕ Skip it if you want a desktop mail client, as only web, iOS and Android are listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Long-time AOL address holders who want to keep the account
- ✓ People who want a free inbox with a phone app and news in one place

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The App Store listing shows in-app purchases without stating what they are, so no paid plan is recorded here.
- ⓘ The mobile app bundles news and weather and says it uses Nielsen measurement software, which can be switched off in settings.
- ⓘ AOL's own page lists only web, iOS and Android; no desktop mail client is named.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

Free

No paid plan at all

AOL Mail is free to use.

> "
>
> **Free to sign up for, including the web inbox and the mobile app.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

AOL Mail, news and weather at no charge; the mobile app lists in-app purchases.

The free plan

AOL Mail is free to sign up for, including the web inbox and the AOL mobile app.

Read from mail.aol.com on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: Web, iOS and Android

Free webmail with news and weather in a companion mobile app. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: email client, inbox filtering.

> **The listing gives little else: no paid plan, no storage figure and no custom-domain option.**
>
> From our grade for features

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Mobile app with swipe actions

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Contacts in one place

The app shows AOL contacts together with the contacts stored on the phone.

Device lock

The iOS app can be protected with Touch ID or Face ID.

Support by phone

AOL's mail page lists a phone number for help from experts around the clock, alongside an online help page.

Where it runs

Web iOS Android

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

AOL Mail is made by AOL Media LLC.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

116/122

Other email apps it is graded above

AOL Mail's GPA of 3.2 is higher than 116 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 5.

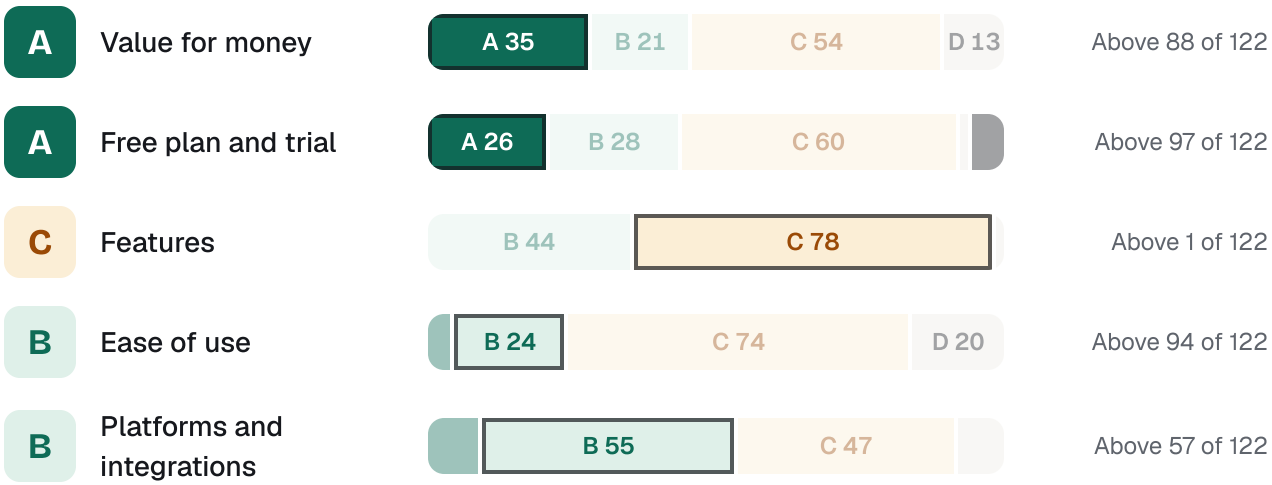
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 97 of 122) and worst on features (C, above 1).

AOL Mail has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

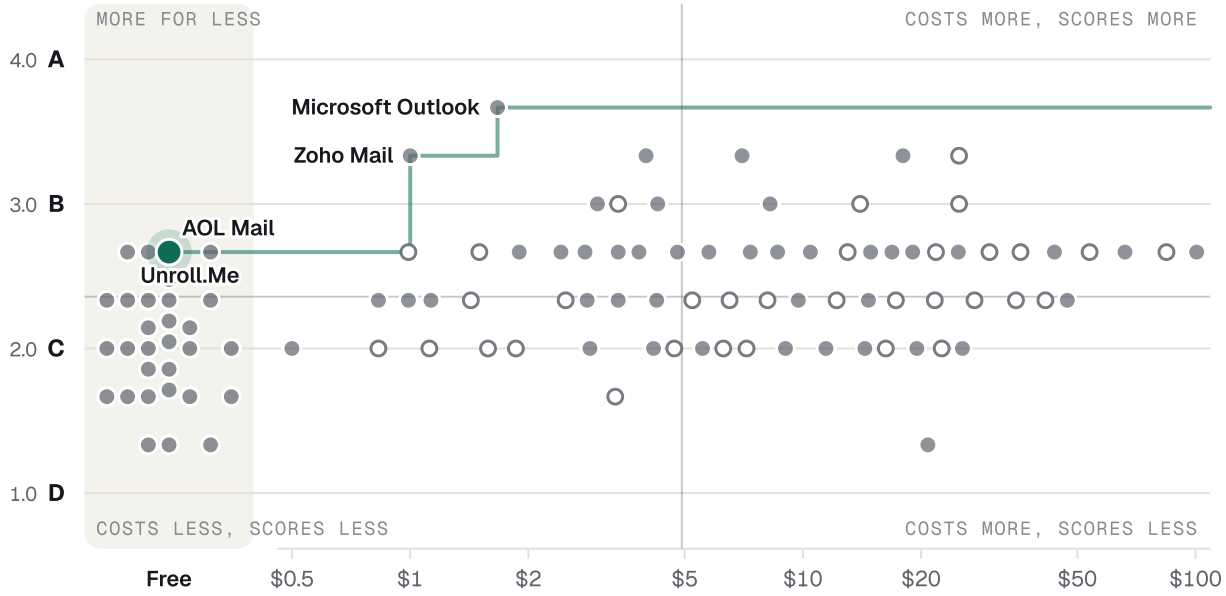
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 email apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. AOL Mail's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 107 email apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. AOL Mail is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double) ⍰

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

AOL Mail is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.2 is higher than 116 of the 122 other email apps we grade.

What you could not

- ✕ An email client: sending, receiving, threading and searching years of mail.
- ✕ Filters that read every message as it arrives.
- ✕ A real app for iOS and Android. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. AOL Mail's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Yahoo Mail, Gmail, Mail.com, GMX Mail and Microsoft Outlook

The 5 tools AOL Mail is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

Yahoo Mail

2.6 GPA

Free plan · from $5/mo

Free email service with 20 GB of storage and AI inbox tools.

- Yahoo Mail also covers tasks.

AOL Mail and Yahoo Mail compared in full

Gmail

3.0 GPA

Free plan · from $7/mo

Google's email service, free for personal use with 15 GB of storage.

AOL Mail and Gmail compared in full

Mail.com

3.0 GPA

Free plan · from $9.99/mo

Free webmail with 100+ domain names and optional ad-free Premium.

- AOL Mail also covers inbox filtering.
- Mail.com also covers calendar, documents and file sharing.

AOL Mail and Mail.com compared in full



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GMX Mail

Free

Free webmail with 65GB storage, aliases and a mail collector.

- Only GMX Mail lists a browser extension.
- GMX Mail also covers calendar.

AOL Mail and GMX Mail compared in full



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Microsoft Outlook

Free plan · from $1.99/mo

Microsoft's email and calendar app for desktop, mobile and web.

- Only Microsoft Outlook lists Windows and macOS apps.
- Microsoft Outlook also covers tasks and calendar.

AOL Mail and Microsoft Outlook compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is AOL Mail free?

Yes. AOL Mail is free to use.

How much does AOL Mail cost?

AOL Mail lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does AOL Mail work on?

AOL Mail is available on Web, iOS and Android.

How is AOL Mail rated?

AOL Mail's iPhone and iPad app averages 4.6 out of 5 from 707,147 ratings on the App Store in the United States, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does AOL Mail have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. AOL Mail is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Does AOL Mail have a macOS app?

No macOS app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. AOL Mail is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Is AOL Mail open source?

AOL Mail is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Who makes AOL Mail?

AOL Mail is made by AOL Media LLC.

What are the alternatives to AOL Mail?

The closest alternatives to AOL Mail in our directory are Yahoo Mail, Gmail, Mail.com, GMX Mail and Microsoft Outlook.

How does AOL Mail compare with other email apps?

AOL Mail's GPA of 3.2 is higher than 116 of the 122 other email apps we grade, and level with 5.

Is AOL Mail good value for money?

ToolGPA grades AOL Mail A for value for money. AOL Mail has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of AOL Mail?

AOL Mail is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from AOL Mail's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from AOL Media LLC's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by AOL Media LLC. Prices change, so check mail.aol.com before you buy.

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apps.apple.com/us/app/aol-mail-news-weather/i...

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

AOL Mail, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/aol-mail

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Email Apps Insider's Guide

Every one of the 126 email apps we grade, compared

Microsoft Outlook Insider's Guide

Microsoft's email and calendar app for desktop, mobile and web

3.6 GPA

BlueMail Insider's Guide

Cross-platform email client with a unified inbox and built-in AI

3.2 GPA

GMX Mail Insider's Guide

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