# One-Time Passcode (OTP)

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**One-Time Passcode** (OTP, formerly known as *Multi-Factor Authentication*) is a security measure that will help verify your donors' identity and safeguard their payment details. This security feature is enabled by request to Support, and can either be enabled globally on all GiveSmart Fundraise payment forms or on a specific payment form.

**NOTE:** PayPal, Venmo, and Digital Wallet payment options (such as Apple Pay and Google Pay) have their own integrated authentication methods, which allow them to bypass OTP. This makes them a suitable alternatives for donors experiencing issues receiving their code.

Click here to learn more about the different payment options available through your forms.

## One-Time Passcode Trigger Locations

Donors will be prompted with the SMS OTP after submitting any donation form in your account. When SMS OTP is enabled, the *Mobile Number* field will become required on **all** active donation forms across your account.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- SMS OTP prevents international donors from donating, as international numbers are not supported.
- If the Mobile Number field is hidden by default with a dynamic action on your form, the form will be blocked from taking donations because the phone number field is required for SMS OTP.

## User Experience (SMS)

Once a donor clicks the Submit button at the bottom of a payment form, a time-sensitive numeric code is sent to the phone number that's been entered on the form (10-minute validity).

Errors are displayed for incorrect or expired codes. The resend code option is available, invalidating the previous code.

Once the correct code is entered, the donor will be taken to the confirmation page.

**NOTE:** This feature excludes Apple Pay and Google Pay. PayPal, Venmo, and Digital Wallet payment options (such as Apple Pay and Google Pay) have their own integrated authentication methods, which allow them to bypass OTP. This makes them a suitable

alternative for donors experiencing issues receiving their code or other challenges.

# User Experience (Email)

The Email Address is a required field on all payment forms. Donors will always need to enter their email address in order to complete a donation and receive an email receipt for their gift.

If Email OTP is enabled in lieu of SMS OTP, when a donor clicks the Submit button at the bottom of a payment form a time-sensitive numeric code is sent to the email address entered on the form.

Once the code is entered, the donor will press the Enter button to be directed to the **confirmation page**.

# The Importance of OTP for You and Your Donors

With a commitment to balancing ease of use with the highest level of security our customers and donors expect, a new One-Time Passcode (OTP) security measure is enabled. This next level of protection will enforce even more security for your donors' identity and safeguard their personal information when completing payments on the GiveSmart platform.

#### What This Means for You

When requested, One-Time Passcode (OTP) will be enabled on all existing and future payment forms in your Fundraise account. No additional action is needed on your part.

#### What This Means for Your Donors

When completing payments on Fundraise forms, donors will be prompted to verify their identity through a one-time code sent to their mobile phone or email address.

## **FAQs**

## Why is One-Time Passcode (OTP) important?

 Enabling OTP protects your organization from fraudulent card testing attempts on your payment forms. To learn more about card testing, click here.

## Can our organization opt out of OTP?

• Yes. OTP is not automatically enabled. If you would like the feature to be enabled, please reach out to Support at support@givesmart.com.

## Can both SMS and Email OTP be triggered at the same time?

• No - SMS OTP overrides email OTP when enabled, and will always take precedence.

• In order to enable Email OTP, the SMS OTP will need to be explicitly disabled.

#### What does the verification code email look like?

• The verification code email will be sent from noreply@givesmart.com, and will contain the following information.

### Is the OTP verification code needed for non-payment forms?

- No, forms that do not support purchases will not need a one-time passcode.
- This includes: surveys, volunteer sign-ups, pledge-only forms, and more.

### Is the One-Time Passcode (OTP) still triggered for \$0 purchases?

• Yes, if your form can accept payments and non-payments alike (e.g. a 100% off promo code), then the One-Time Passcode workflow will be part of the process for completing the form.

### If paying with a digital wallet, is OTP necessary?

- No, payments made via Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, or Venmo will not require OTP.
  - This makes these payment methods a suitable alternative for donors experiencing issues receiving their code.
- **Click here** to learn more about the different payment options available through your forms.

### The donor didn't receive the email, where should they look?

• The email will come from no-reply@givesmart.com. Please instruct the donor to check their spam/junk folder.

## Are international numbers supported with OTP SMS?

• International numbers are not supported and cannot receive texts from GiveSmart.

# Can a user resend a code if the code has expired?

- Yes, a user can click the Resend Code link on the pop-up to trigger a new code.
- The former code will not be accepted.