Social Security Card

International students who have been offered either on-campus or off-campus employment may apply for a Social Security Number. If you do not have a job or job offer, you cannot apply for a Social Security Number. International students must wait two full weeks from their date of entry into the U.S. before applying for a Social Security Number with the Social Security Administration (SSA). The closest Social Security Administration office is located in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

The SSA requires that international students requesting a Social Security Number verify their identity, visa status and employment during the application process. International Student Services assists student as they apply for Social Security Numbers.

Required documents

1. Completed Social Security application form (Form SS-5) for Social Security Card
2. Original and photocopy of complete I-20 or DS-2019
3. Original passport
4. Photocopy of pages of passport containing name, photo, passport number & expiration date
5. Photocopy of US Consular Visa
6. Original and front-and-back photocopy of I-94 Departure Record ("I-94 card")
7. Letter from your employer verifying offer of employment
8. Letter from the international advisor to prove that you are in valid status as an F-1 or J-1 student.