### APPLY FOR BENEFITS

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### ESTIMATE YOUR FUTURE BENEFITS

Create a **my Social Security** account to get your *Social Security Statement*:
- Check your earnings record; and
- See estimates of your potential benefit amounts.

Get your retirement benefit estimate

Use our benefit planners to calculate your retirement, disability, and survivors benefits

### IF YOU GET BENEFITS

Create a **my Social Security** account and:
- Get your benefit verification letter;
- Check your benefit and payment information and your earnings record;
- Change your address and phone number; and
- Start or change direct deposit of your benefit payment.

Get a form SSA-1099/1042 *(Social Security Benefit Statement)*

Get a replacement Medicare card

Find answers to frequently asked questions at **www.socialsecurity.gov/faq**
How To Create An Online Account

Step 1
Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and select:

Step 2
Select “Create An Account.”
To create a my Social Security account, you must be at least 18 years old and have:
- A valid E-mail address;
- A Social Security number; and
- A U.S. mailing address.

Step 3
Provide some personal information to verify your identity.

Step 4
Choose a username and password to create your account.
After you create a my Social Security account, you can access your Social Security Statement to check your earnings and get your benefit estimates.

If you receive benefits, you also can:

- Change your address and phone number;
- Start or change your direct deposit; and
- Get your benefit verification letter.

## How To Get Your Benefit Verification Letter

You can use your benefit verification letter as proof of your:

- Income when you apply for a loan or mortgage, assisted housing or other state or local benefits;
- Current Medicare health insurance coverage;
- Retirement or disability status; and
- Age.

To get your benefit verification letter:

- Sign into your account; and
- Select “Get a Benefit Verification Letter.”

Your letter will be displayed and you may print it or save it for later use.