Applying for a Social Security Number
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A Social Security number (SSN) is issued to track earnings over a worker's lifetime. Students holding F-1 status who are employed in the U.S. must apply for a Social Security number.

Eligibility:
- Full time student
- Have received a formal offer of on-campus employment, or have been authorized for off campus employment through CPT, OPT, or Economic Hardship; or require an SSN for program clinicals (must have already been accepted)
- Have been in the United States at least 10 days

Steps:
1. Secure on campus job, or obtain approval for off campus employment, or be accepted into program requiring SSN for clinical rotations.
2. Gather documents:
   a. **I-766:** Employment authorization - Necessary of OPT and Economic Hardship
   b. **DSO letter:** Verifying student status
   c. **Employer letter**: Verifying job offer; Necessary for on campus employment
   d. **I-94:** Arrival/Departure record (print online at i94.cbp.dhs.gov)
   e. I-**20**: Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
   f. **Evidence of age/identity**: Passport or foreign birth certificate
3. Complete [Application for Social Security Card](#)
4. Visit your local SSA office

Once Approved:
- You may begin working immediately. Show your receipt notice that you were given at the SSN office to your employer. It will take 10-14 days to receive your SSN card in the mail.

Where to apply: You must apply in person by visiting a social security office:

ANGLETON LOCATION	**LEAGUE CITY LOCATION**
2921 N Valderas St.	2835 Gulf Frwy South
Angleton, TX 77515	League City, TX 77573
1-866-338-2940	1-866-299-3254