



Obtaining a Social Security Card for F-1 Visa Students

To qualify for a Social Security Card, you would need to have the following:

- An offer or have been hired for an on-campus or off-campus (CPT/OPT) job.
- An I-20 with Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Authorization; or
- An Employment Authorization Document (EAD) along with an I-20 with Optional Practical Training (OPT) authorization.

NOTE: Before you ask International Student Services for a support/authorization letter, make sure you obtain a letter from your hiring director.

Steps for applying for Social Security Number (SSN)

1. Submit your offer letter to the International Students Services Office to be issued for an SSN Authorization letter.
2. Call the nearest Social Security Office and make an appointment
3. Prepare the necessary documents needed in applying for SSN

Requirements for applying Social Security Number (SSN)

- Most recent i-20
- Most recent i-94
- Social security authorization letter (from ISS office)
- Hire/ offer letter
- Proof of address
 - If living on campus, ask one from the Office of Residence Life
 - If living off campus, acceptable documents would be the following:
 - Lease agreement, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck
- School ID / State ID
- Passport and visa