

Applying for a Social Security Number

Application Information

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
- Have been in the United States at least 10 day

Steps:

1. Secure on campus job, or approval for off campus employment.
2. Gather documents:
 - a. **I-766:** Employment authorization; Necessary of OPT and Economic Hardship
 - b. **DSO & Employer letter:** Necessary for on campus employment
 - c. **I-94:** Arrival/Departure record
 - d. **I-20:** Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
 - e. **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

2921 N Valderas St.
Angleton, TX 77515
1-866-338-2940

LEAGUE CITY LOCATION

2835 Gulf Frwy South
League City, TX 77573
1-866-299-3254