How to Apply for a SSN

THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN NEW HAVEN IS CLOSED TO WALK IN TRAFFIC. IF YOU ARE A NEW OR CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OR SCHOLAR AND MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER YOU MAY REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT BY COMPLETING THIS REQUEST FORM [1]. THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE IN PERSON SO YOU MUST BE IN NEW HAVEN AND MUST HAVE MEET THE QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY APPOINTMENT UNLESS YOU QUALIFY. OISS WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE AND INFORM OF YOUR APPOINTMENT. THE WAIT WILL BE 2-3 WEEKS.

For specific application instructions, select your immigration status below:

**F-1 Student**

**On-Campus Employment**

1. Pick up an application form (Form SS-5) from the OISS front desk, as well as a letter confirming your Yale related immigration status and employment eligibility.
2. Obtain written verification from employer or the for-service fellowship sponsor which includes the nature of the employment or fellowship, number of hours, and the date employment is expected to begin.
   - **Yale College** – Written verification of employment can be requested at the Student Employment Office, 246 Church Street.
   - **Masters and Professional Students** - Written verification can come directly from your School or from the Student Employment Office, 246 Church Street. **(Note: If you are an MA student and a TA in GSAS, then please contact the Teaching Fellow Program [2] for an employment letter)**
   - **PhD Students** – All PhD students are eligible to apply for a social security number. Make a copy of your letter of admission and obtain a letter from OISS certifying your eligibility to apply
3. Take these documents along with your passport, **I-94 record** [3], and your I-20 to the Social Security Administration at 150 Court Street, 4th Floor (see right margin for directions.)

**On CPT or OPT**

1. Application form (Form SS-5) and letter from OISS confirming your Yale related immigration status and employment eligibility, both available at the OISS front desk.
2. Immigration documents: valid passport, **I-94 record** [3], and your I-20 with CPT or OPT authorization.
3. If you are on OPT, you will also need to present your Employment Authorization Card when you go to the Social Security Administration.

**J-1 Exchange Visitor**

1. Pick up an application form (Form SS-5) from OISS, as well as a letter confirming your Yale related immigration status and employment eligibility,
2. Take these documents along with your passport, **I-94 record** [3], and your DS-2019 form to the Social Security Administration at 150 Court Street, 4th Floor (see right margin for directions.)

**J-2**

1. Complete an application form (Form SS-5) available at OISS or available online [4].
2. Take the application along with your passport, Employment Authorization Card (EAD), **I-94 record** [3], and your DS-2019 form to the Social Security Administration at 150 Court Street, 4th Floor (see right margin for directions.)
**H-1B/O-1**

1. Complete an application form (Form SS-5) available at OISS or [online](https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf).
2. Take the application along with your passport, I-797 approval notice, and [I-94 record](https://oiss.yale.edu/travel-guidance/i-94-record) to the Social Security Administration at 150 Court Street, 4th Floor (see right margin for directions.)

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