How to Apply for a SSN

The Social Security Administration office in New Haven is currently 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
- have met 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 them 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.)

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1. Complete an application form (Form SS-5) available at OISS or online [4].
2. Take the application along with your passport, I-797 approval notice, and I-94 record [3] to the Social Security Administration at 150 Court Street, 4th Floor (see right margin for directions.)

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