

## Obtaining a Social Security Number

F-1 students are permitted to apply for a Social Security Number (SSN) provided they have an on-campus job offer or other authorized employment. A Social Security Number is intended for individuals who will work in the US and cannot be issued simply for identification purposes.

All F-1 students must take a completed SSN Application (<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf>) to their local Social Security Administration (SSA) office to apply for a SSN. The SSA office that is closest to Goucher College is located at:

**Social Security**  
**28 Allegheny Avenue**  
**Towson, MD 21204**

Their hours are **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.**

F-1 students working **on-campus** must bring the following documents with them to apply for a SSN:

- Original I-20;
- Original passport;
- F-1 visa;
- Electronic I-94 print out;
- Job offer letter from the on-campus employer
- Letter of verification from Karen Sykes, International Student Advisor.

F-1 students who have been authorized for **CPT, OPT or Employment with an International Organization** should bring the following additional documents with them to the SSA. Please note that the SSA cannot issue a SSN prior to the authorization start date.

- Original I-20 with off-campus employment authorization/recommendation on the 3rd page;
- Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card for students with OPT or Employment with an International Organization.

After you successfully complete your application, you will receive a receipt that verifies that you have applied for an SSN, which you need to show to the Payroll Office. Once you receive your Social Security Card, you must take it to Payroll to complete your record.

