

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 U.S. and cannot be issued simply for identification purposes.

All F-1 students must take a completed SSN Application, [Form SS-5](#) to their local Social Security Administration (SSA) office to apply for an SSN. The SSA office that is closest to Goucher College is located at:

Social Security

1220 East Joppa Road,
Building B, Suite 320,
Towson, MD 21286

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/DS-2019;
- Original passport;
- F-1 visa;
- [Electronic I-94](#) print out;
- Job offer letter from the on-campus employer
- Letter of work eligibility from the Office of Global Education/ISEP.

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 Human Resources. Once you receive your Social Security Card, you must update your Glacier record and take it to Payroll in the Controller's Office to provide them with a copy.

