APPLYING FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

WHERE TO APPLY:

Social security number applications must be made in person at:

Lorain County Social Security Administration
221 W. 5th Street
Lorain, OH 44052
(866) 415-0172

The office is open 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. M, T, H, and F, and 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on W. Call to confirm before making travel plans.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Completed Form SS-5: the SS-5 is available as a fillable form on the International Students website, you may also pick up a paper copy in Peters 205.
- Completed Employment Verification Form: the Employment Verification form is available on the International Students website, you may also pick up at copy at Peters 205. You must have an on-campus job in order to complete the Employment Verification Form. If you are applying for a social security number to provide to an off-campus employer, you must meet with the International Student Advisor to determine whether you are eligible to accept off-campus employment.
- A copy of your I-94 record: you can print this out at www.cbp.gov/I94.
- Current passport
- The passport that contains your current F-1 visa sticker (if it is different from your current passport.)
- Current I-20: you must have your original I-20 with you, a copy is not adequate.

AFTER YOU APPLY:

It normally takes 3-4 weeks for new cards to arrive. If your card is sent our office we will email to let you know so that you can come to the office to pick it up. If your card is sent your address, please bring it in for us to make a copy of.

When you receive your card keep it with your other important documents, such as your I-20 and passport. It is best to carry the number on a separate piece of paper until you memorize it but not to keep the original card in your wallet.

If you lose the card or if it becomes damaged, you will need to apply for a replacement following the same steps that you took to apply for the original card.