

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

A Social Security Number (SSN) is for employment purposes only. You can only apply for a social security number if you have a job and have been in the U.S. for 10 or more days.

The SSN is also used to track your credit and work history. Many vendors will require a social security number to deliver services. While you are waiting for your social security number, many vendors will allow you to substitute your student ID number until your social security number is obtained. Never give your SSN to anyone other than a merchant who requires it or your bank. **This number should be kept confidential.** It's safer to memorize the number, rather than carry the card with you. Not only is there a risk for it to be stolen, but also it is difficult to replace if it is lost.

To obtain a SSN, you will have to drive or take a bus or taxi to the Social Security Office.

Social Security Office

4527 Nolensville Pike

Nashville, TN 37211

From I-65 South, take Exit 78A (Harding Place). Go East on Harding Place and turn right at Nolensville Pike. Take a right at Lowe's Hardware. The Office is in the brown building behind Lowe's.

Be sure to bring the following with you when you go to apply:

- Passport
- Visa
- I-20
- Letter from ISSS (available on website under Social Security at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/issc/students.html>)
- Proof of your address in Nashville
- Verification of employment (job letter)