

## **Applying for a Social Security Number**

as of October 13, 2004

A non-citizen who applies for a Social Security Number (SSN) must be authorized to be employed in the United States (except for those with valid non-work reasons\*). F1 students are only authorized to be employed on campus. To apply for a Social Security Number, F1 students must submit the following:

- A completed Application for a Social Security Card (Form SS-5)
- At least two documents that show the student's age and identity including a passport and one additional document establishing identity
- Form I-94
- SEVIS Form I-20
- Proof of employment authorization, including a letter from the IEI office and a letter from the student's on-campus employer

\*There are two valid non-work reasons:

- 1.** You need a social security number to satisfy a Federal statute or regulation that requires you to have a social security number in order to receive a Federally-funded benefit to which you have otherwise established entitlement and you reside either in or outside the U.S.
- 2.** You need a social security number to satisfy a State or local law that requires you to have a social security number in order to receive public assistance benefits to which you have otherwise established entitlement, and you are legally in the United States.

These are not valid non-work reasons:

- Applying to rent or purchase a house or an apartment
- Obtaining a driver's license
- Applying for a bank account

**If you obtain a social security number while you are an IEI student, please inform the IEI office.**