SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
Application for a Social Security Card

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Applying for a Social Security Card is easy **AND** it is free!

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USE THIS APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR:

- An **original** Social Security card
- A **duplicate** Social Security card (same name and number)
- A **corrected** Social Security card (name change and same number)
- A **change of information** on your record other than your name (no card needed)

IMPORTANT: You must provide the required evidence or we cannot process the application. Follow the instructions below to provide the information and evidence we need.

STEP 1 Read pages 1 through 3 which explain how to complete the application and what evidence we need.

STEP 2 Complete and sign the application using BLUE or BLACK ink. Do not use pencil or other colors of ink. Please print legibly.

STEP 3 Submit the completed and signed application with all required evidence to the nearest U.S. Social Security office, U.S. Embassy or consulate, or, if you live in the Philippines, the Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO) in Manila. If you are a military dependent or a U.S. citizen working on a U.S. military post, you may also go to the Post Adjutant or Personnel Office.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION

Most items on the form are self-explanatory. Those that need explanation are discussed below. The numbers match the numbered items on the form. If you are completing this form for someone else, please complete the items as they apply to that person.

2. Show the address where you can receive your card.

3. If you check "Legal Alien **Not** Allowed to Work," you need to provide a document from the U.S. government agency requiring your Social Security number that explains why you need a number and that you meet all of the requirements for the benefit or service except for the number. A U.S. State or local agency requirement must conform with Federal law.

   If you check "Other," you need to provide proof you are entitled to a U.S. federally-funded benefit for which a Social Security number is required as a condition for you to receive payment.

5. Providing race/ethnic information is voluntary. However, if you do give us this information, it helps us prepare statistical reports on how Social Security programs affect people. We do not reveal the identities of individuals.

6. Show the month, day and full (4 digit) year of birth, for example, "1998" for year of birth.

8.B. Show the mother's Social Security number only if you are applying for an original Social Security card for a child under age 18. You may leave this item blank if the mother does not have a number or you do not know the mother's number. We will still be able to assign a number to the child.

9.B. Show the father's Social Security number only if you are applying for an original Social Security card for a child under age 18. You may leave this item blank if the father does not have a number or you do not know the father's number. We will still be able to assign a number to the child.