Applying for a Social Security Card as an F-1 Visa Holder

You may not apply for a Social Security card until you are employed by Wesleyan University.

As soon as you receive your first pay stub, it is imperative that you apply for the Social Security card.

- Bring the following document to the Office of International Student Affairs to obtain a signed copy of your F-1 Status Verification Form:
  - your pay stub from the university (if you have not received the pay receipt in your WesBox, send an email to payroll@wesleyan.edu; you may also find your pay stub on iPAY through your WesPortal)
  - Your Immigration documents (passport, F-1 visa, I-20)
  - Your most recent I-94 (you may obtain your I-94 through this website: https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home)
  - Your F-1 Status Verification Form (https://tinyurl.com/F1-Status-Form). You must fill out the first part of the form.

- Take the following document to Social Security Administration office, within 5 business days after you obtained the signed F1 Status Verification Form:
  - A completed SS-5 Social Security Application form. Most likely you will not fill in 9B, 10B, 11, 12, 13 but you must include your mother’s maiden name and your father’s name. You may pick up SS-5 form from the OISA.
  - Pay stub from the university
  - All your immigration documents, passport, F-1 visa, I-20 and I-94
  - A signed F-1 Status Verification Form (this form verifies you are a full-time student and eligible to work at the university).

Bring all the documents listed above to the Social Security Office (425 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457). The office is upstairs over Dunkin Donuts. See the second page of the document for a map and directions to the Social Security Office.

Your SSN card will be mailed to the Office of International Student Affairs within 15 business days after your visit to the Social Security Office. You will be notified to pick up your card once it arrives. If you do not hear from OISA within 30 business days after you applied for your card, please email oisa@wesleyan.edu.

For additional information about Social Security, check this website: https://www.ssa.gov/
Middletown Social Security Office Information

Address: 3rd floor, 425 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457

Phone: 1-877-692-3145

Hours: Monday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
       Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
       Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
       Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
       Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
       Saturday Closed
       Sunday Closed

URL: https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/ic001.action#officeResults

Protect your Identity and Social Security Number

Protect your SSN card and number from loss and identity theft. DO NOT carry the card with you. Keep it in a secure location and only take it with you when you must show the card, e.g. to obtain a new job, open a new bank account. DO NOT allow others to use your social security number as their own. For more information, check here: https://blog.ssa.gov/protecting-your-social-security-number-from-identity-theft/