

## Obtain Your Social Security Card

**Independent Living Program Activity Card**

**Category: DAILY LIVING**

**Activity: Obtain Your Social Security Card**

**Description:** The objective of this assignment is to encourage you to obtain your Social Security card. Your Social Security card is needed to get a job among other things. It is a very important document to have. To get an application for a Social Security Card see the following website: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf> . If you already have your card you may still earn credit for completing the assignment as described below.

**You may earn \$4.00 OF dollars for turning in a copy of your social security card with this activity card. You may earn an additional \$3.00 for stating your social security number from memory.**

**Name of Staff You Said Your SS# By Memory to:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Dollars Earned:

\$
(ILP Use Only)

Notes:
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Youth Signature	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Print Name (Youth)	_____ Group Home (If Applicable)

<b>Receipt</b>
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### **Why do you need your Social Security card?**

If you are going to work in the United States you will need a Social Security card. This card has a number on it that is unique to you. It is how the government keeps track of your wage earnings and the amount of taxes paid into the system.

### **How do I get it?**

Go to your nearest Social Security office. For your nearest location visit the Social Security website at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>, or by calling 1-800-772-1213.

When applying for a Social Security card you will need to provide proof of identity. Applicants will need to bring at least two documents proving their age, identity and proof of citizenship.

### **Proof of Age**

To prove your age you will need a birth certificate. If you do not have one they will often accept a religious document made before you were three months olds. These documents must be originals. Copies are not accepted. If you are a United States citizen born outside of the States you will need to bring your passport.

### **Proof of Identity**

You will need to provide current proof of identity. Your birth certificate does not count for this. It needs to be something current with your name on it. The Social Security Administration prefers picture identification. The document needs to show your name, age or birth date.

Documents that are acceptable include:

- Driver's license
- Marriage or divorce record
- Military records
- Employer ID card
- Adoption record
- Life insurance policy
- Passport
- Health Insurance card (not a Medicare card)
- School ID card



### **Proof of Citizenship**

You will also need to prove that you are either a United States citizen or are working lawfully in the country. Applicants will need to bring their birth certificates if they were born in the United States. If you were born outside the United States, but are a citizen, you will need proof of citizenship. A United States Consular Report of birth, passport or Certificate of Birth stating your citizenship is needed.

### **Protect Your Social Security Number & Card**

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 the card with you when you must show the card e.g. to obtain a new job or open new bank account, etc. Do not allow other to use your social security number as their own.