



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

Nova Southeastern University

SOCIAL SECURITY DENIAL LETTER

In the United States, a **Social Security number (SSN)** is a nine-digit number issued to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and temporary (working) residents. The number is issued to an individual by the Social Security Administration. Its primary purpose is to track individuals for taxation purposes. Social Security numbers are available **only** to those **international** students and scholars who have secured **employment** in the U.S.

If you have previously applied for and been granted an SSN, this number is yours for **life**. You should not apply for a second number.

To apply for a **Driver's License or Photo ID**, individuals who do not have a SSN, and do not have an on-campus job, must obtain a Social Security Number "**Denial Letter**" before they apply for a Driver's License or Photo ID.

Obtaining a Social Security Number "Denial Letter" does not prevent you from obtaining a SSN in the future, when you are eligible to do so.

The nearest SSA office to NSU is *SUITE 100 8501 W SUNRISE BLVD, PLANTATION, FL 33322*.

- Write a brief cover letter, including your name, address, and telephone number, stating that this request is 'for a denial letter for a driver's license.'
 - Complete Form SS-5.
 - Gather the following documents: Passport, F-1 or J-1 visa stamp page, Form I-20 or DS-2019, I-94 record
- Go to the above address from 9AM to 1PM, Monday through Friday (no appointment needed). Bring the cover letter, SS-5, passport, visa stamp, Form I-20 or DS-2019, and I-94 record, with you.
- The SSN Office will provide you with the SSN Denial Letter at the end of your appointment.
- After you receive your Social Security Number Denial Letter, you can apply for a Florida Driver's License/Photo ID