



# Social Security Cards

The Social Security Administration will issue a "Valid for Work Only with DHS Authorization" social security card to any au pair/companion participating in a Department of State authorized au pair program. The purpose of this card is for program participation authorization under the terms of the au pair regulations.

To apply for a restricted working social security card, an au pair must go in person to the local social security office in their community. Some states may require au pairs to [apply online](#) first.

Your au pair can apply for their social security card four business days after arriving in the United States.

## To obtain the social security card, your au pair will need the following:

- Valid Passport with J1 visa
- DS 2019 form
- I-94 card print out from the CBP website <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94>
- Proof of identification that is at least one year old (e.g. passport, driver's license, birth certificate)
- It is recommended that you bring your participation letter as some au pairs have needed this (you can download your participation letter on your au pair portal)
- If your au pair does not have an identification that is at least one year old a certified copy of their birth certificate will suffice

Social Security will verify the au pair's status in SEVIS before a social security card number can be assigned.

In most states, au pairs need a social security card to obtain a driver's license.

Au pairs need a social security card to file a tax return. As a reminder, filing a federal tax return is a Department of State regulation.

If there is a discrepancy with information, the social security office may deny the au pair a social security card and would request a manual verification of data, which would take additional time.

If the social security office says that they cannot issue a social security card and returns the application and documents, please call Fiorella Ciralli at Au Pair in America, (800) 928 -7247, ext. 5087, or email [apiacompliance@aifs.com](mailto:apiacompliance@aifs.com) for further assistance.