SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
Application for a Social Security Card

1. NAME
   TO BE SHOWN ON CARD
   First       Full Middle Name    Last

2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH
   IF OTHER THAN ABOVE
   First       Full Middle Name    Last

3. OTHER NAMES USED
   Street Address, Apt. No., PO Box, Rural Route No.

4. Mailing Address
   Do Not Abbreviate
   City            State            Zip Code

5. CITIZENSHIP
   (Check One)
   U.S. Citizen
   Legal Alien Allowed To Work
   Legal Alien Not Allowed To Work (See Instructions On Page 1)
   Other (See Instructions On Page 1)

6. SEX
   Male          Female

7. RACE/ETHNIC DESCRIPTION
   (Check One Only - Voluntary)
   Asian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander
   Hispanic
   Black (Not Hispanic)
   North American Indian or Alaskan Native
   White (Not Hispanic)

8. DATE OF BIRTH
   Month, Day, Year

9. PLACE OF BIRTH
   City            State or Foreign Country

10. A. MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME
    (Do Not Abbreviate)
    First       Full Middle Name    Last Name At Her Birth

11. B. MOTHER’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

12. A. FATHER’S NAME
    First       Full Middle Name    Last

13. B. FATHER’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

14. Has the applicant or anyone acting on his/her behalf ever filed for or received a Social Security number card before?
   Yes (If “yes”, answer questions 11-13.)
   No (If “no”, go on to question 14.)
   Don’t Know (If “don’t know”, go on to question 14.)

15. Enter the Social Security number previously assigned to the person listed in item 1.
    First       Middle Name    Last

16. Enter the name shown on the most recent Social Security card issued for the person listed in item 1.
    First       Middle Name    Last

17. Enter any different date of birth if used on an earlier application for a card.
    Month, Day, Year

18. TODAY’S DATE
    Month, Day, Year

19. DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER
    Area Code Number

20. I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this form, and on any accompanying statements or forms, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

21. YOUR SIGNATURE

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE (FOR SSA USE ONLY)

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) REVIEWING EVIDENCE AND/OR CONDUCTING INTERVIEW

DATE

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DATE
Mr. Scott McDonald  
789 Meal Drive  
Gurley, Alabama 35748

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This is in response to your letter to the Commissioner concerning Social Security numbers for children.

The Social Security Act does not require a person to have a Social Security number (SSN) to live and work in the United States, nor does it require an SSN simply for the purpose of having one. However, if someone works without an SSN, we cannot properly credit the earnings for the work performed.

Other laws require people to have and use SSN’s for specific purposes. For example, the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6109 (a) and applicable regulations (26 CFR 301.6109-1 (d) require an individual to get and use an SSN on tax documents and to furnish the number to any other person or institution (such as an employer or a bank) that is required to provide the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) information about payments to the individual. There are penalties for failure to do so. The IRS also requires employers to report SSN’s with employees’ earnings. In addition, people filing tax returns for taxable years after December 31, 1994, generally must include the SSN of each dependent.

The privacy Act regulates the use of SSN’s by government agencies. They may require an SSN only if a law or regulation either orders or authorize them to do so. Agencies are required to disclose the authorizing law or regulation. If the request has no legal basis, the person may refuse to provide the number and still receive the agency’s services. However, the law does not apply to private sector organizations. Such an organization can refuse its services to anyone who does not provide the number on request.

We hope you find this information helpful. If you have further questions, you may call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Our representatives will be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Mullen  
Associate Commissioner  
Office of Public Inquiries