

**Obtaining a Social Security Card**  
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Our local Winona Social Security Administration office is located in the Choate Building: 53 E 3rd St, Ste 307. The phone number is 877-600-2853. The office remains closed to the public. Obtaining a social security card is FREE - no funding request needed. The application (SS5 Form) can be found online via this link, or I have attached the application to this email: [KA-02017 · Customer Self-Service \(ssa.gov\)](mailto:KA-02017@ssa.gov). The last page of the application is the only page that needs to be submitted. Once this is filled out, the client needs proof of identity to go along with the application and it cannot be a copy. This has been a barrier for many, since sending an ID or driver's license in the mail for this is not recommended! The best way to obtain proof of identity is through a local medical provider. For example, the client can go to Winona Health and ask for a "patient statement." This statement should include the Winona Health letterhead, the client's full name and DOB. This document is sufficient to turn in with the application. If you have more than one person in a family requesting a SS card, each family member needs a separate application and separate patient statement. For quickest processing, the application can be walked over to the office and slipped under the door. The manager on duty will process the application that same day. The waiting time for delivery in the mail to the client is about 2 weeks.