10. Social Security Card and number (SSN)

All United States citizens are issued a Social Security Number (SSN) intended for use in compliance with the Federal Income Tax and retirement regulations. Although this was the original intent, the SSN has become an identification number. If you are asked for this number, please explain that you are not a US. Citizen and do not have one. Instead, present your passport as an internationally recognized form of identification.

Employed by at California State University, Chico?

If you are going to be employed (paid at California State University, Chico) you will have to apply for a social security number. To do so, you must apply in person at Social Security Office. For more information and office hours, visit http://www.ssa.gov.

Social Security Administration
1370 Lassen Ave # 150
Chico, CA 95973
(800) 772-1213

When you apply, you will need to present the following documents to the Social Security Office:

1. Your letter of (job offer) appointment
2. Status validation by the RO/ARO in the Office of International Education
3. Valid Passport
4. I-94 Departure Arrival Record

If you are not employed by California State University, Chico, you are not eligible for a Social Security Number.

ITIN: If you need to report anything to the U.S. International Revenue Service (IRS), you may apply for an ITIN, Individual Tax Identification Number. Check at: http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Individual-Taxpayer-Identification-Number-(ITIN)