Getting a Social Security Number – For Ukrainians with Humanitarian Parole

According to the Social Security Administration (https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/ss5doc.htm):

> *In general, only noncitizens who have permission to work from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) can apply for a Social Security number (SSN).*
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> *If you do not have permission to work: Lawfully admitted noncitizens can get many benefits and services without an SSN. You do not need a number to conduct business with a bank, register for school, apply for educational tests, obtain private health insurance, apply for school lunch programs or apply for subsidized housing. You cannot get an SSN for the sole purpose of obtaining a driver's license.*
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> ***Government benefits or services**: If you do not have permission to work, you may apply for an SSN only if:*
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> - *A federal law requires you to provide your SSN to get a particular benefit or service; or*
> - *A state or local law requires you to provide your SSN to get general assistance benefits for which you already have qualified.*
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> *If you need an SNN to meet these state or local requirements, you must submit a letter from the government agency.*

Please see (https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/ss5doc.htm) for further details.

Below are **sample letters** requesting an SSN for non-work purposes from various agencies:

Sample1: https://tinyurl.com/4xkdzasx
Sample2: https://tinyurl.com/2p868n9u

A similar letter should be provided to you by any government agency denying you services or benefits.

We are aware of cases where Ukrainians under Humanitarian Parole have received an SSN number from their local Social Security Administration office, without having work authorization or obtaining documentation from a government agency. Such cases are unpredictable and your results may vary.