In compliance with FL Statute 119.071(5), this document serves to notify you of the purpose for the collection and usage of your Social Security Number.

Lake-Sumter State College collects and uses your social security number only for the following purposes in performance of the College’s duties and responsibilities. To protect your identity LSSC will: secure your SSN from unauthorized access, never release your SSN to unauthorized parties, and assign you a unique student identification number. This unique ID number is used for all associated educational purposes at LSSC. The following departments and organizations at Lake-Sumter State College require the disclosure of a student’s Social Security Number:

**Admissions Department**
Federal legislation relating to the Hope tax Credit requires that all postsecondary institutions report student SSN’s to the Internal Revenue Service. This IRS requirements makes it necessary for state colleges to collect the SSN of every student. A student may refuse to disclose his or her SSN to the college, but the IRS is then authorized to fine the student in the amount of $50.00.

In addition to the federal reporting requirements, the public school system in Florida uses SSN’s as a student identifier (section 229.559, Florida Statutes-new school code section 1008.386). In a seamless K-20 system, it is beneficial for postsecondary institutions to have access to the same information for purposes of tracking and assisting students in the smooth transition from one educational level to the next. All SSN’s are protected by federal regulations Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA) and are NEVER released to unauthorized parties.

SSNs appear on official transcripts and are used for business purposes in accordance with parameters outlined by the U.S. Department of Education.

**Additional LSSC Departments/ Organizations:**
- Continuing Education
- Computer Institute
- Business Resources Center
- Financial Aid Department
- Upward Bound
- Educational Talent Search
- College Reach-Out
- Workforce Programs
- VA Benefits

**Federal and State Regulations**
- SBE Rule 6A-10955(3)(e); 1008.386, F.S. and the General Education Provisions Act (20 USC 1221 (e-1)).
- Hope/Lifetime Tax Credit 26 USC 6050S and Federal Register, June 16, 2000/ IRC Sec 25A.
- Florida Statue 119.07(5).
- Issuance of Form 1098T; 26 USC 3402, 6051.
- College Reach-out Program: Florida Statue 1007.34.