**Guest blog post: National Social Security Month**

For more than 80 years, Social Security has helped secure today and tomorrow with information, tools, and resources to meet our customers’ changing needs and lifestyles.

In April, we’re celebrating National Social Security Month and encouraging you to take [five steps toward your financial security](http://www.ssa.gov/5-steps-toward-your-financial-security/?utm_source=third-party-media&utm_medium=blog-post&utm_campaign=ssa-nssm-17). Planning for the future may seem intimidating to many, but we’ve broken the task down into small, easy steps:

1. Get to know Social Security;
2. Verify your earnings;
3. Estimate your benefits;
4. Apply for benefits; and
5. Manage your benefits.

Our website is easily accessible and available 24/7 with detailed information, publications, Frequently Asked Questions, and other resources for almost any circumstance. Whether you want to estimate your future Social Security benefits amount, replace a lost Social Security card, or apply for retirement, disability, or Medicare benefits,  [our website](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/?utm_source=third-party-media&utm_medium=blog-post&utm_campaign=ssa-nssm-17) is your reliable source for information to help you and your loved ones.

Our convenient and secure [online services](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices?utm_source=third-party-media&utm_medium=blog-post&utm_campaign=ssa-nssm-17) put you in control. You can apply for Social Security benefits, check the status of your application or appeal, get an instant benefit verification letter, verify your lifetime earnings, block electronic access to your information, and so much more — all without having to visit a local office or calling to speak to a representative.

Are you looking for secure access to your Social Security information? Create your personal [*my Social Security*](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount?utm_source=third-party-media&utm_medium=blog-post&utm_campaign=ssa-nssm-17) account today.

Do you have questions for us about the “5 Steps Toward Your Financial Security”? Social Security will participate in its first Facebook Live event, hosted by USA.Gov, on April 20. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. ET, you may ask questions via livestream. To participate in English, follow [USA.gov](https://www.facebook.com/USAgov/) and [Social Security](https://www.facebook.com/socialsecurity) on Facebook.

Join our efforts to [promote National Social Security Month](http://www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/nssm.html?utm_source=third-party-media&utm_medium=blog-post&utm_campaign=ssa-nssm-17)! Share our social media posts on Facebook and Twitter, or create your own message expressing the success you’ve had with our many services and programs. We’re with you through life’s journey. Get to know us at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/?utm_source=third-party-media&utm_medium=blog-post&utm_campaign=ssa-nssm-17).