2015 Tax Year

VITA Taxpayers,

If you do not have your Social Security card, you can use your Social Security Statement of earnings as proof of your Social Security number and your name as it is in the Social Security records. Print and bring your statement with you to your VITA appointment.

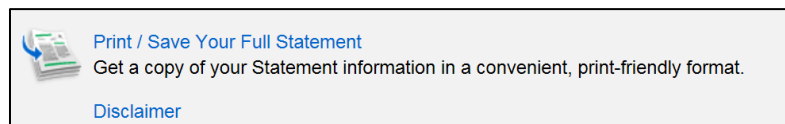## Steps to Get Your Social Security Statement online

1. Go to: https://www.ssa.gov/

2. Scroll down and look to the left for the my Social Security (see image below):

3. Sign in or Create an Account

4. Follow the directions to create an account.

5. Print your statement and bring to your VITA appointment.

Note: Your Social Security Statement is provided to help you plan retirement. You should view this statement each year to confirm that earnings reported by your employers is correct. Your yearly earnings will be used to determine your Social Security retirement benefit (i.e. paycheck) when you do retire. Generally, you have 3 years to correct earnings that were not reported correctly. *So, set a calendar reminder to check your Social Security Statement each birthday.*