

Student Identity Verification Policy

Eckerd Connects | Academy verifies student identity with the documents submitted during the Eckerd Connects System of Care intake process. All applicants must provide a valid Social Security card. All Social Security numbers are validated through a criminal background check that also completes a social trace to ensure it is a valid number assigned to the applicant. All applicants must also submit another form of identification that lists their full legal name and birthdate.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Birth certificate, with place of birth and documentation registration number; or
- Driver's license/state identification card; or
- U.S. passport with date of issuance and document registration number; or
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) documents including Document I-55 Permanent Resident Card/Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record; or
- Other official forms or documents from other government agencies that identify the applicant's name and date of birth, such as school records, welfare documents, military records, and employment records.

Once obtained by the Eckerd Connects | Academy Office of Admissions during the admissions process, copies of the identification documents are stored in both the students' electronic and hard copy folders.