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In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, applicants for admission and enrolled students at GBC are advised that disclosure and use of their social security number is voluntary*. All students will be assigned a student identification number that will be used as a personal identifier at GBC. Your social security number or an assigned number, may be used:

- to identify student records at GBC.
- for registration and course enrollment.
- to certify attendance and report student status.
- as an identifier for housing, grants, loans, and other financial aid programs; and
- for recording grade information.

GBC uses social security numbers or student identifier numbers for identification purposes. Use of these numbers will facilitate the provision of services and compilation of information necessary to maintain accurate records.

Students who are employed full-time or part-time by GBC or who receive federally funded educational aid have to disclose their social security numbers for payroll and other mandatory reporting purposes, but such students have a right to use their student ID number for other identification purposes.

Taxpayer Relief Act

As students provide their social security number, they will be eligible for the Taxpayer Relief Act. The Taxpayer Relief Act requires institutions to provide information to taxpayers and to the Internal Revenue Service for the Hope Scholarship, Lifetime Learning Credit, and Student Interest Deduction. The information will be sent to the IRS and entered on the 1098-T form prepared for the student.

*Furnishing this information is optional. A social security number is required for federal financial assistance, some scholarships, and the 1098-T tax credit document.