The Best Way To Enroll In Medicare Parts A and B Guide Step One

The ***First Step*** to applying online for Parts A and B of Medicare, which is the best and quickest way to get it done, is to apply for a “my Social Security Account.”

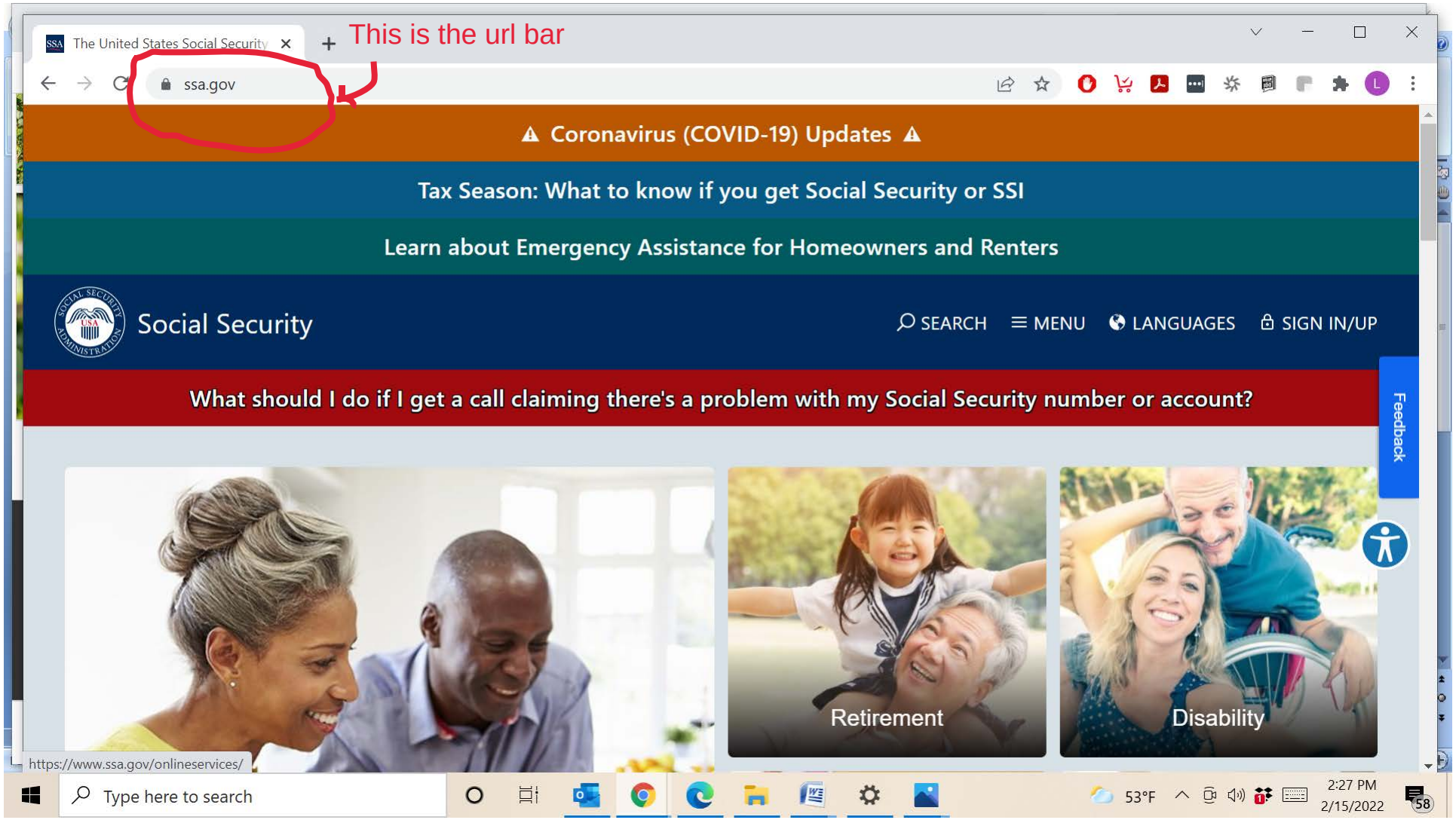
Without this online account, you can’t later quickly sign up for Parts A and B of Medicare, and without this account, you wouldn’t later be able to sign your online enrollment.

The following pages walk you through how to set up your account.

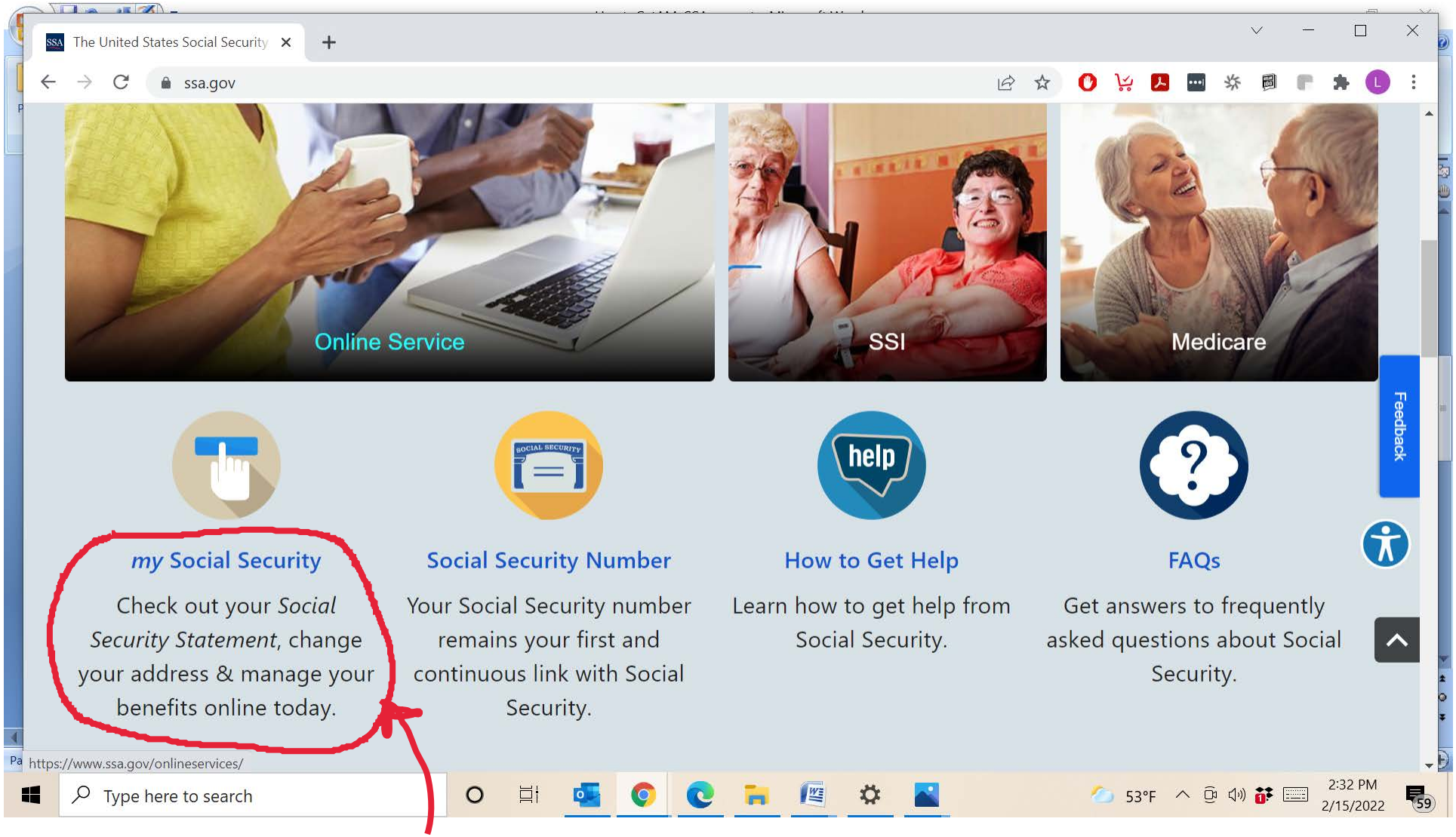
You are on your way!

The first step to being able to enroll in Part A and B of Medicare is to set up a "my Social Security" account. You do not have to wait until it is within 3 months of turning 65 - you can and should set up a "my Social Security" account now! Then later when it is within 3 months you'll be able to easily login and do Parts A and B.

In the url bar at top, (NOT a search bar) type directly in that field: ssa.gov and you will get the following page: (if you don't get ssa.gov, then you either typed wrong, or did a search instead of directly going to the url ssa.gov)

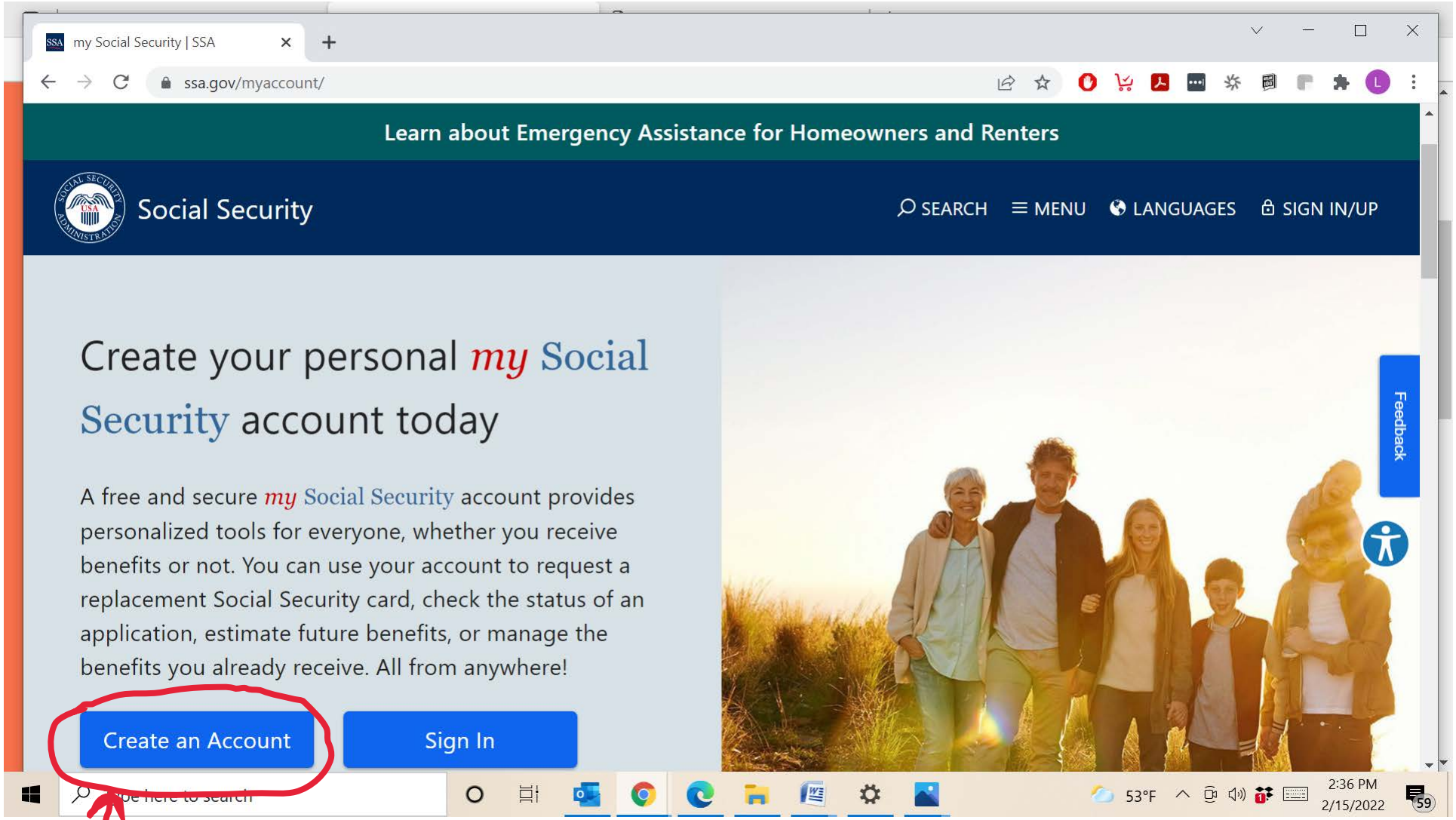


Next, scroll down until you see, “*my* Social Security”; (I circled it in red) and click on that.



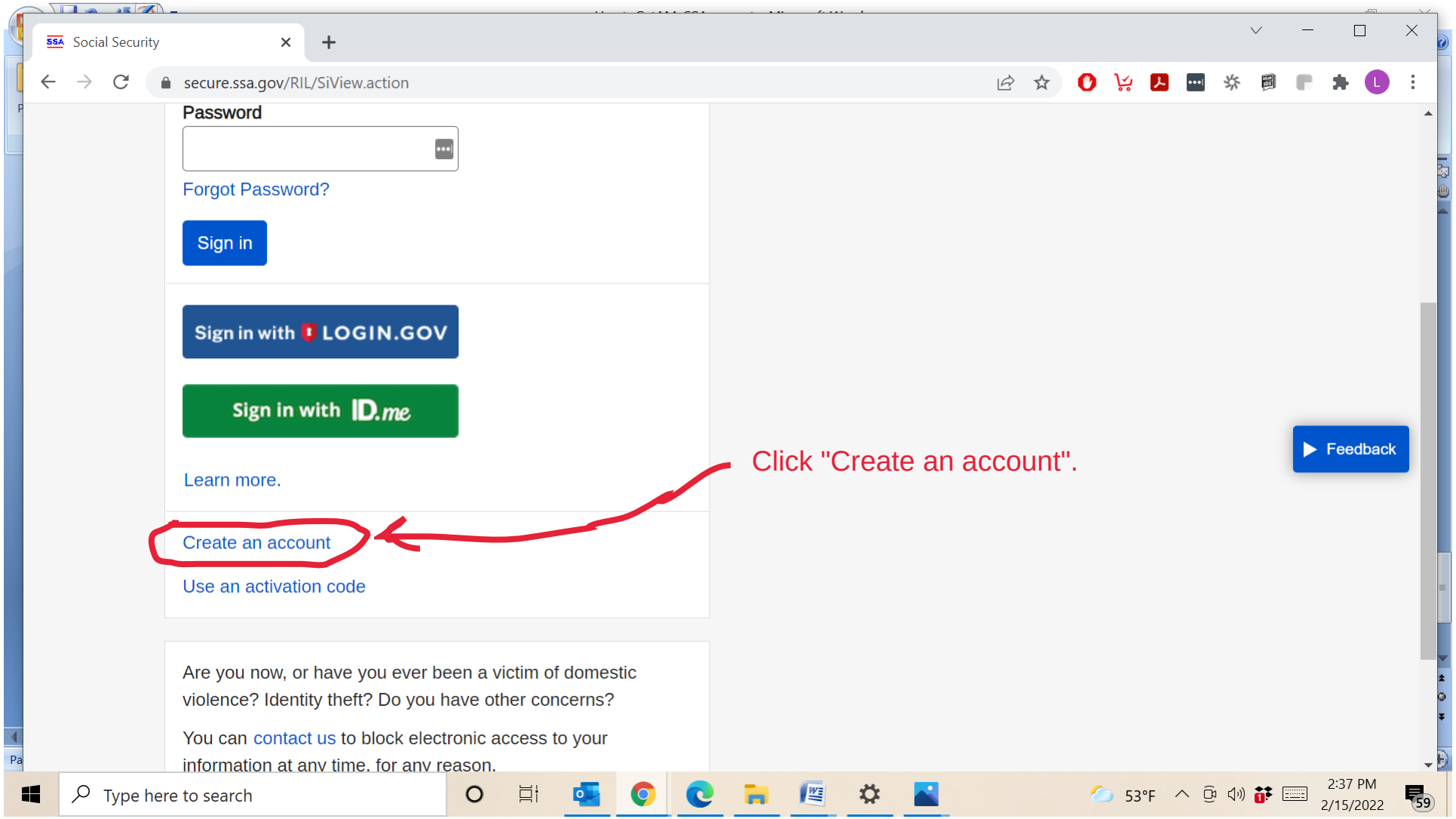
Click on "my Social Security".

Then you will get the following page. Click on the “Create an Account” button. I circled it in red.

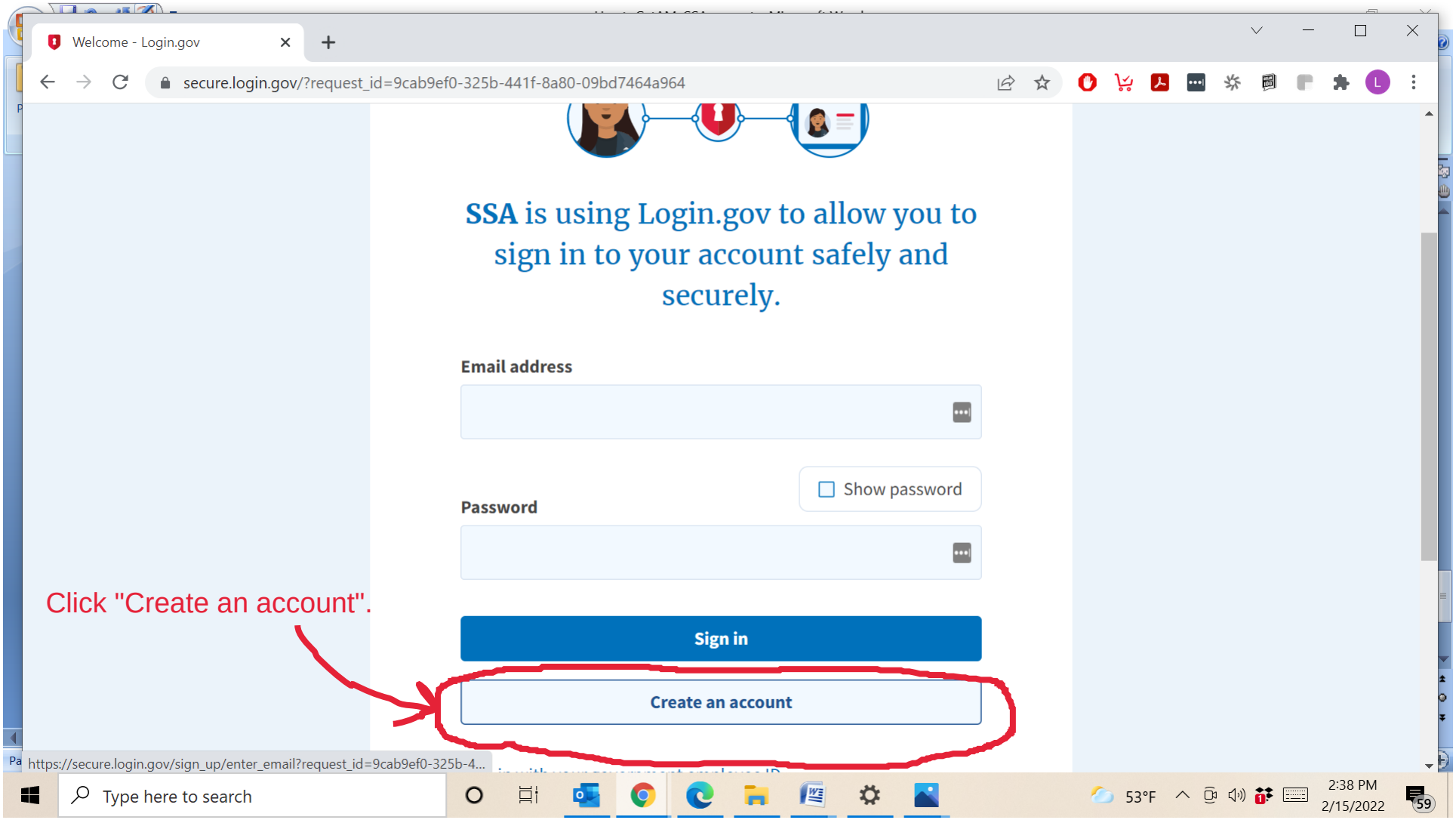


Click "Create an Account".

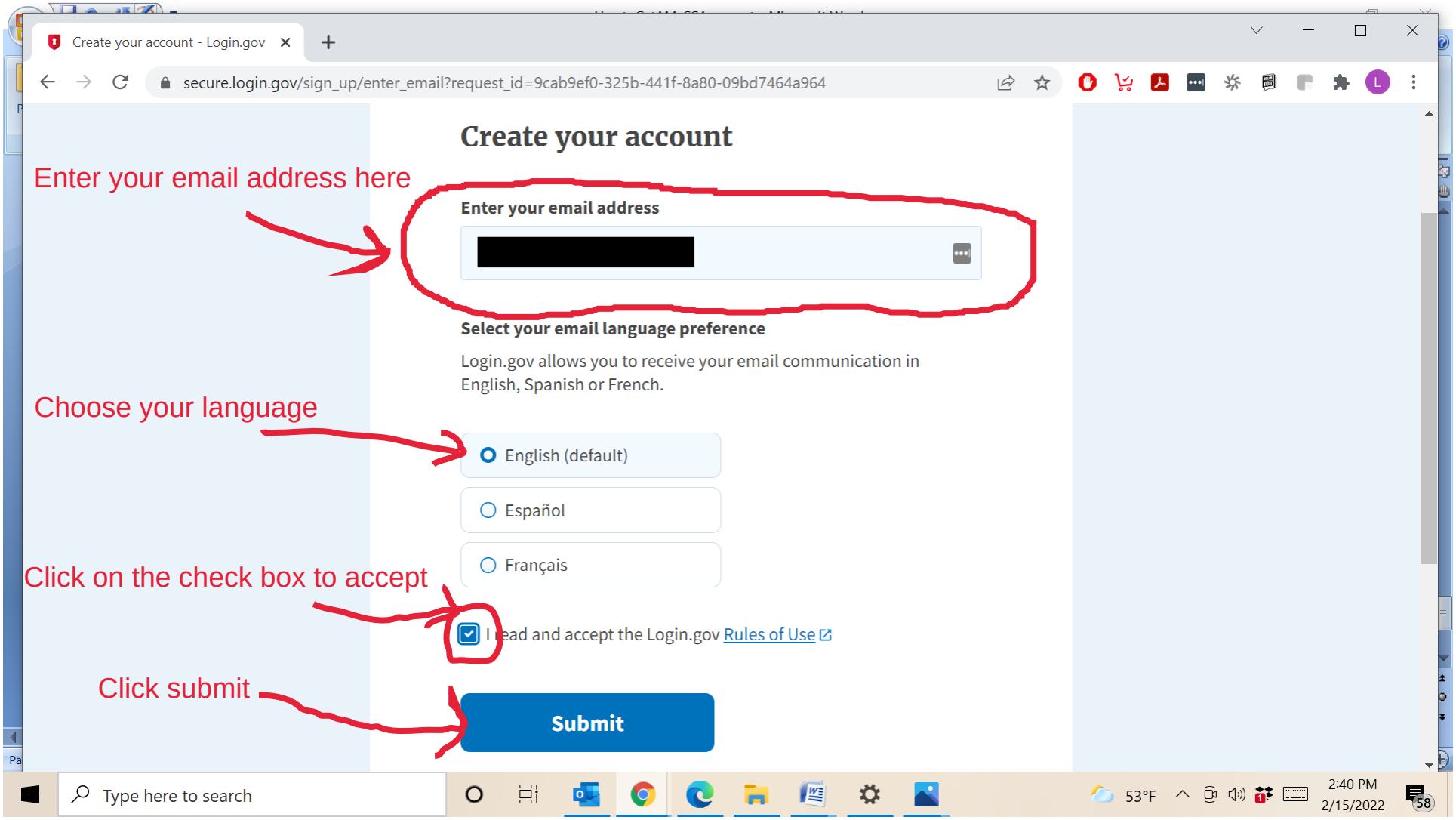
This brings you to a log in screen. Click on “Create an account” found below the sign in spaces (I circled it in red there).

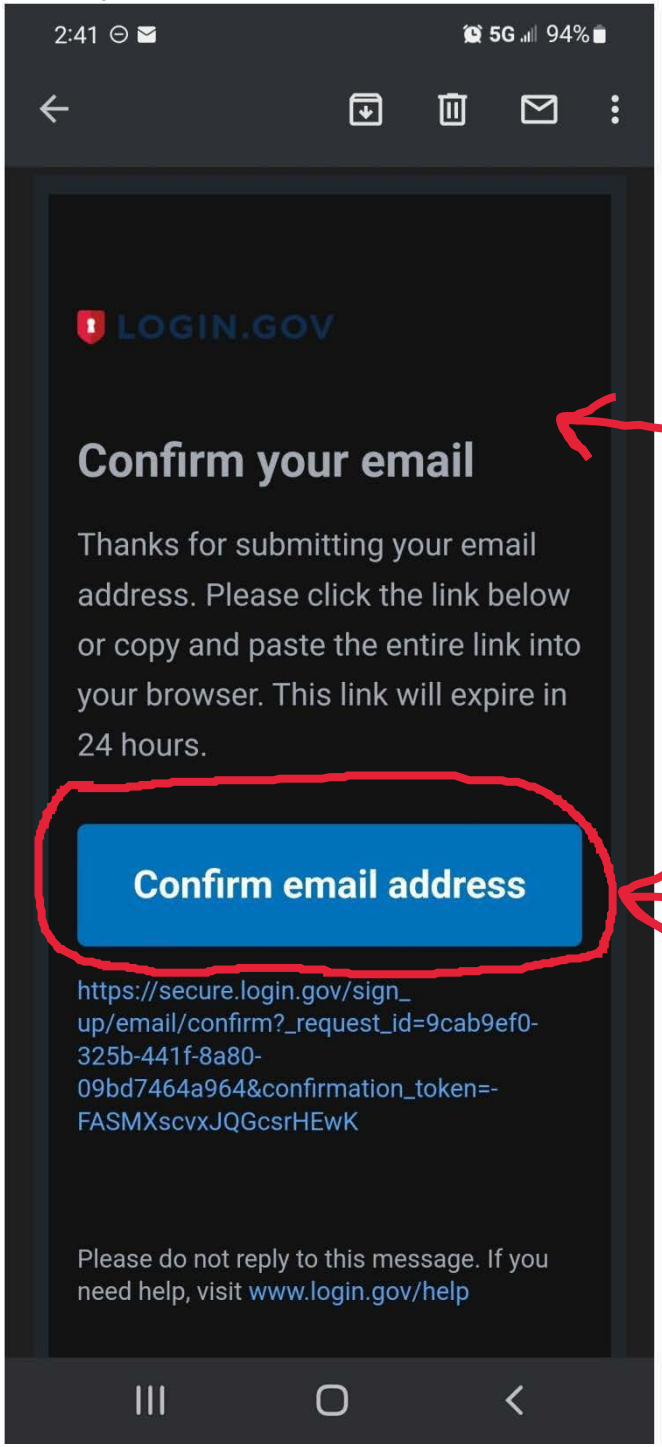


This will bring you to another screen. Again click the button that says “Create an account”. (I circled it in red here, too)



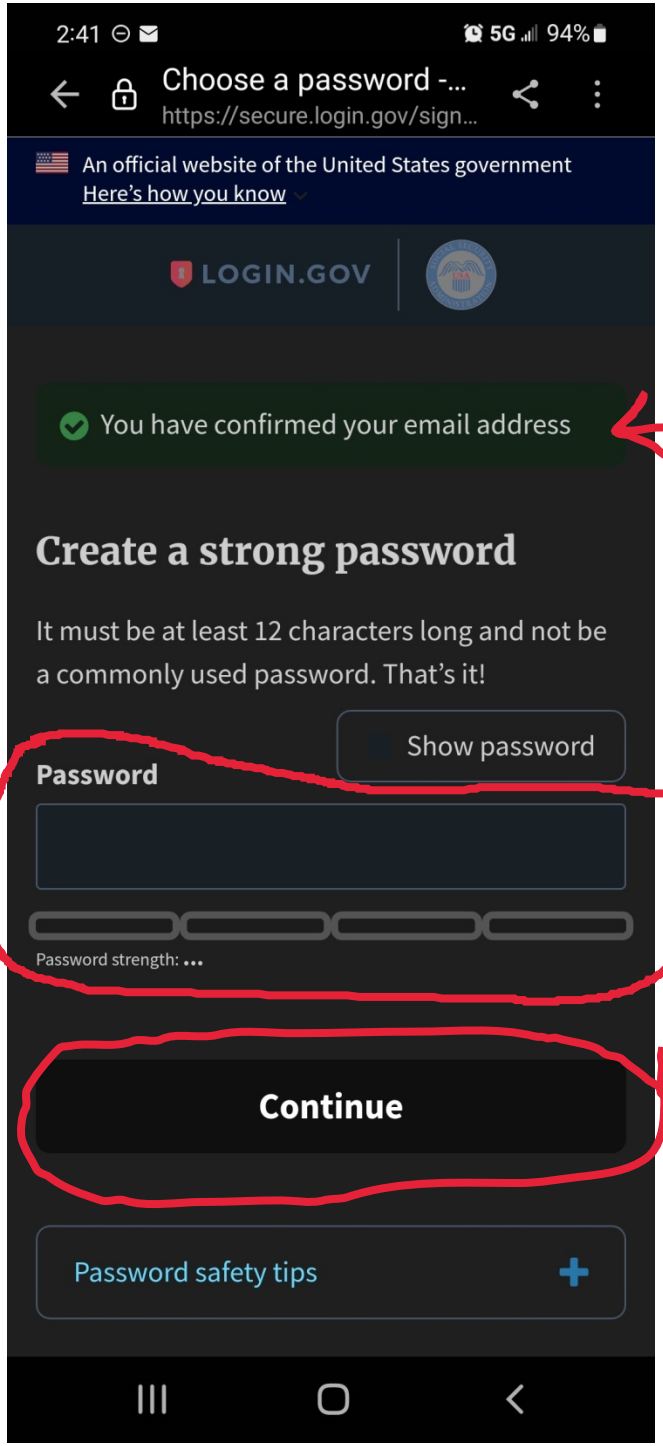
Enter your email address in the box that says “Enter your email address” (see the big red circle). Then choose “English”. Next click the check box for the
“Rules of Use” (see the little red circle). Finally, click the Submit button.





It is important to note that where you access the email you are sent (on your phone, tablet, or computer), is where you will continue signing up. My assistant did this sample you are seeing and read her email on her phone, that is why this screen shot and the next screens look very different from the previous ones.

Your email will show up here (remember, my assistant opened her email on her phone, but if you did it on your computer it will look different). Click the button that says "Confirm email address".

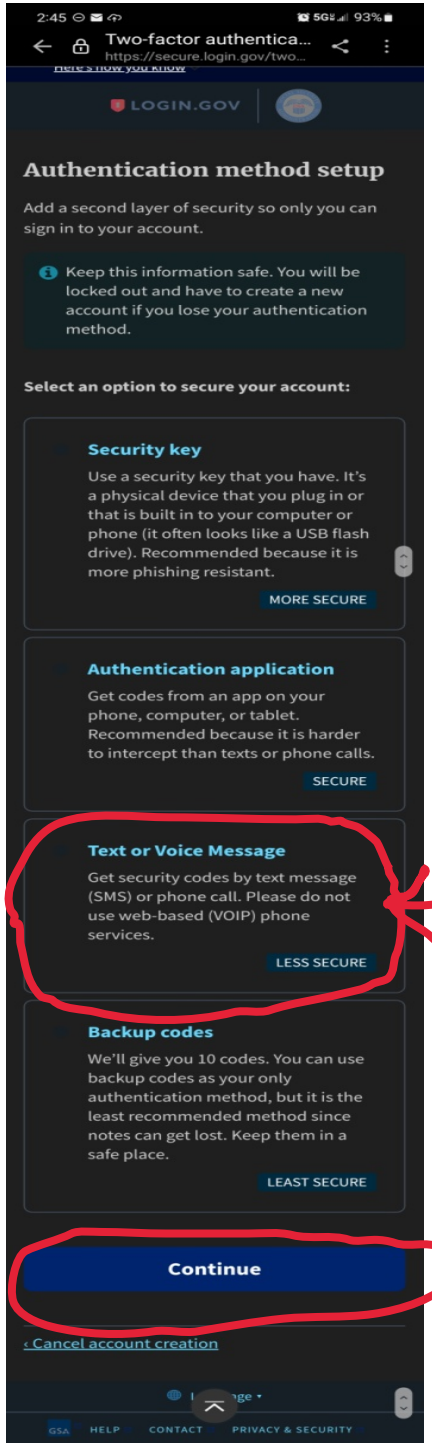


You will then see "You have confirmed your email address."

Now on this screen you will need to create a password. It must be 12 characters long. (Be sure to write down your password and email used so you'll have it for later!) Then click on "Continue".

Enter your password in this box!

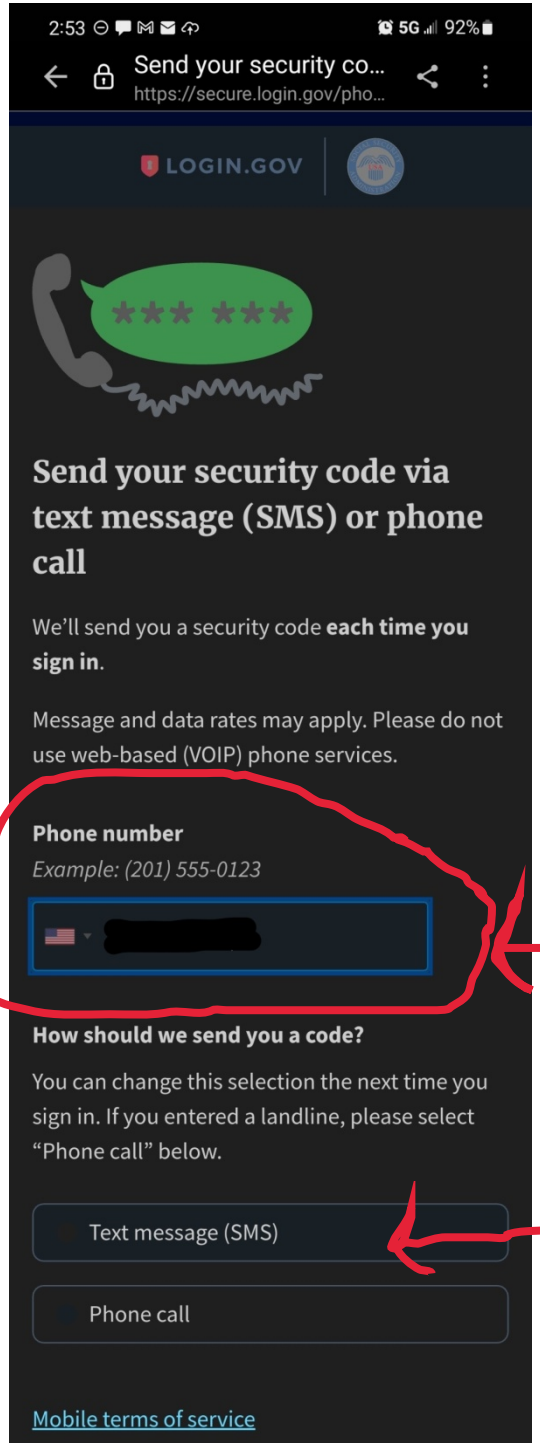
Click on "Continue".



On the this screen you need to choose an authentication method. I recommend the "Text or Voice Message" option as it is the easiest method. It means you will get a security code sent to your cell phone as a text message or as a phone call if you don't text. Then click on "Continue".

Choose your authentication method. This is the one I recommend, it is the easiest to use. (Anything else will cause big complications and probably not work well for you.)

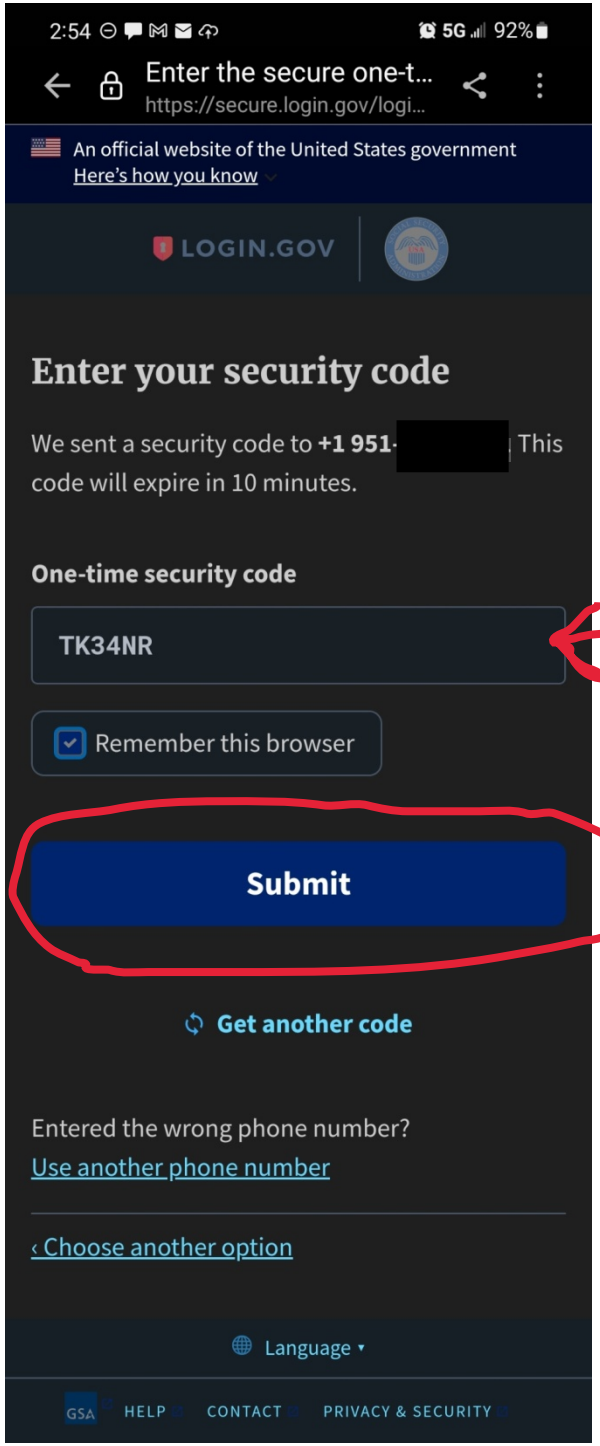
Click on "Continue".



On this screen you will need to enter your phone number to get your security code. Remember, if you want to receive a code by text, you must use a cell phone number. A land line phone can only be used if you want to get your code by phone call.

Your phone number needs to be entered here.

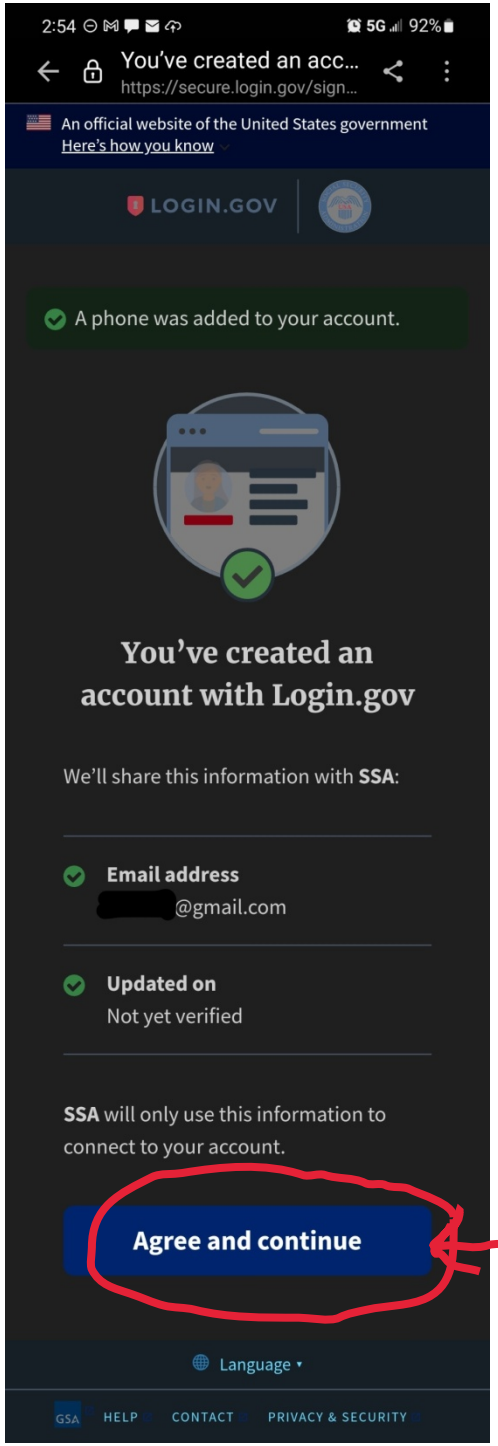
Choose how you want to get your code, if you are using a cell phone you can choose to get a text message or a phone call. A landline phone can only use the phone call option.



On this screen it will confirm what phone number your code was sent to. You will enter that code in the box that says "One-time security code". Then click submit.

Enter your security code here. (this code won't work, it's just a sample)

Click the Submit button.



This screen will confirm that you've successfully created an account with Login.gov. It will confirm your email address on this screen as well. Click the "Agree and continue" button at the bottom of the page.

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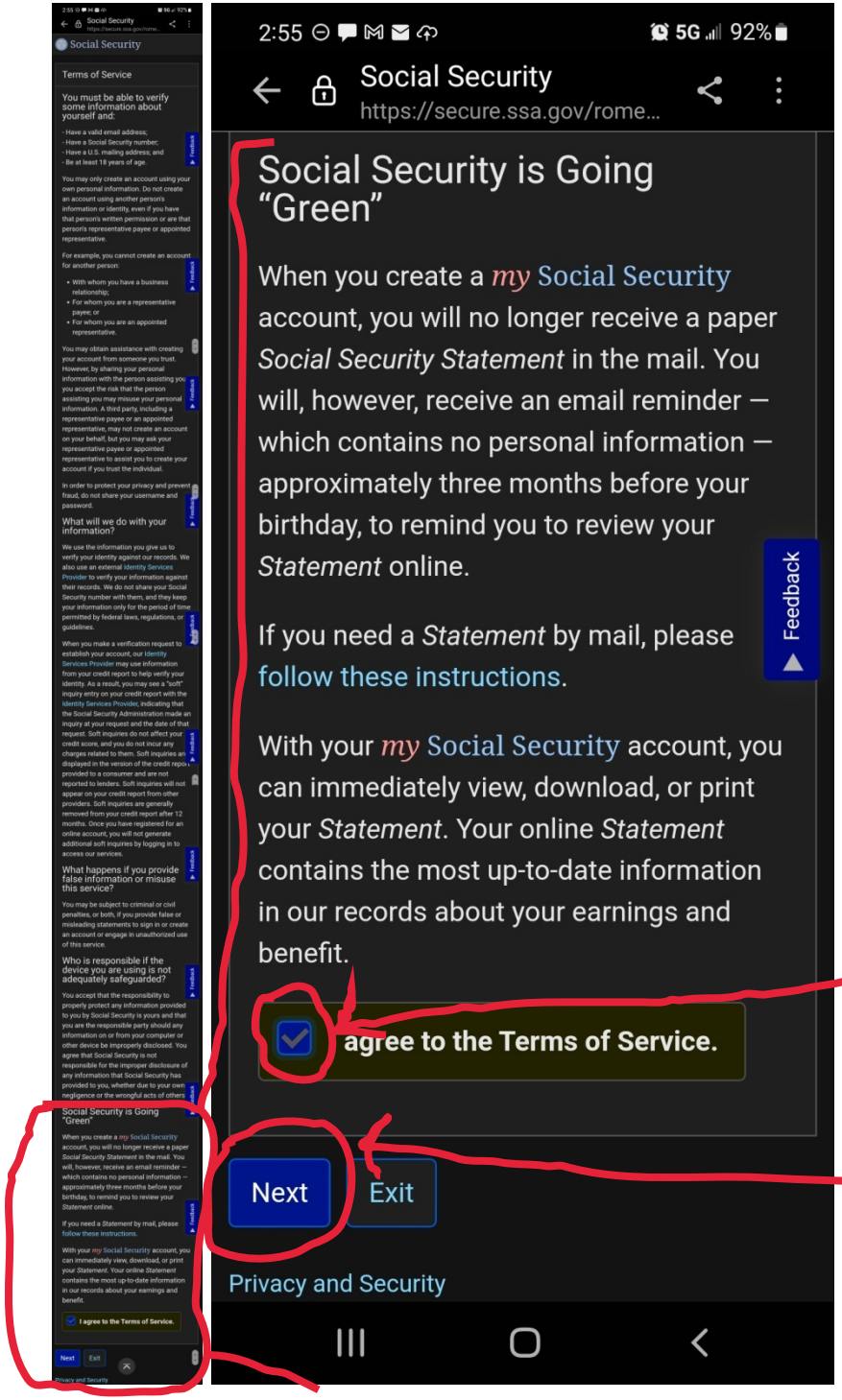

This next screen is a little long, because it is the Terms of Service. Scroll down to the bottom (I zoomed in to make it easier to read). The section titled Social Security is going "Green" explains that you will get your Social Security statements in your email. You will need to click the check box at the bottom of the page to accept the Terms of Service. Then click the "Next" button.

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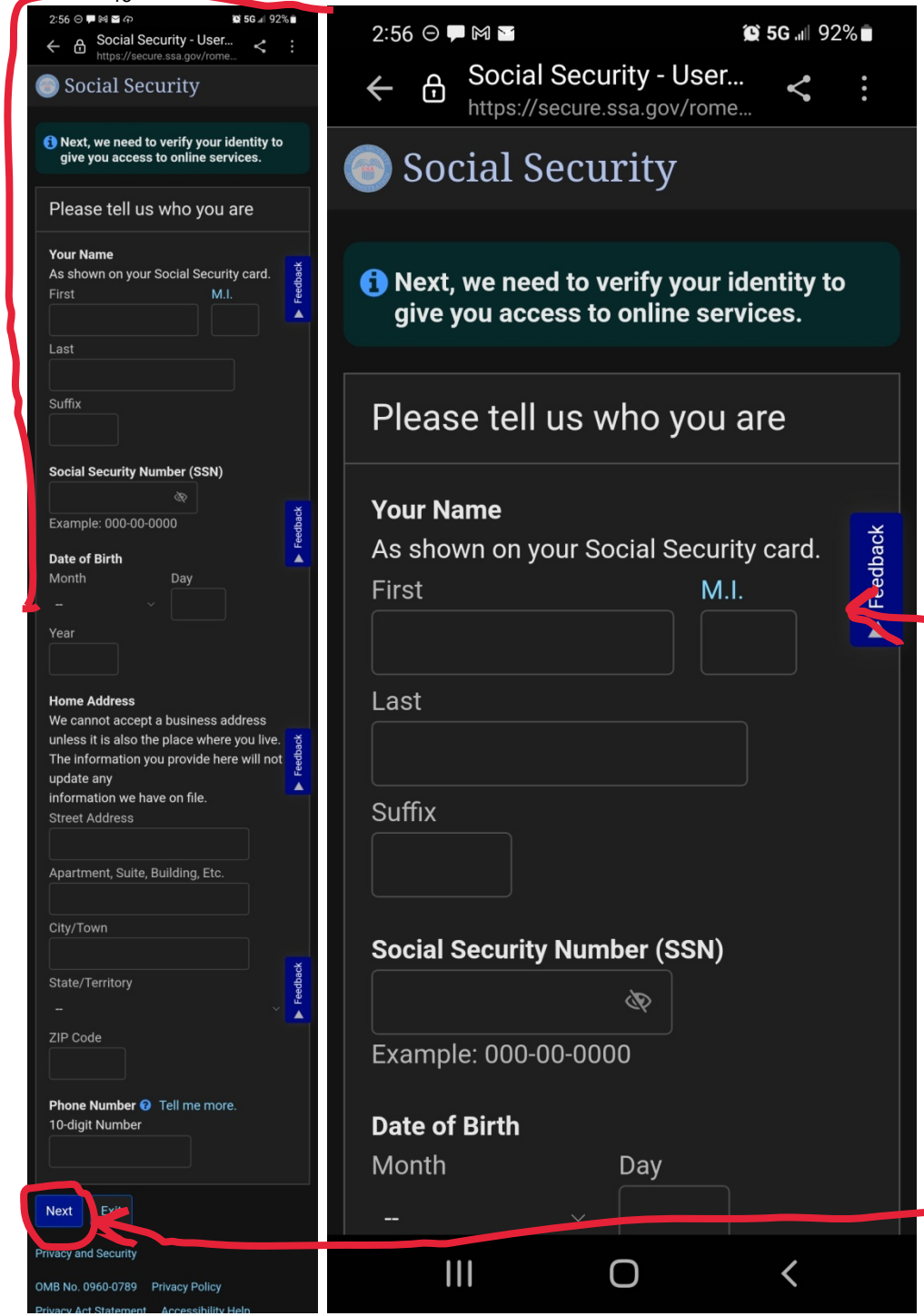
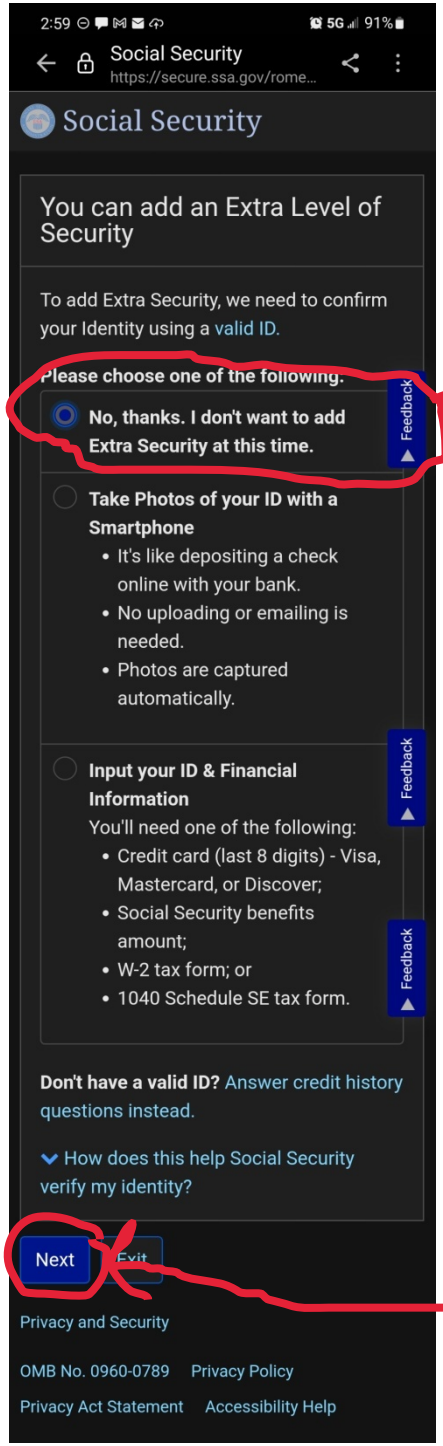


On this screen (I zoomed in at the top here) you will need to enter your information, such as your name, Social Security Number, date of birth, home address, and phone number. At the bottom of the page click the "Next" button.

Enter your information in the appropriate boxes. The M.I. field is optional, just in case you don't have a middle initial. The other fields on this page are required.

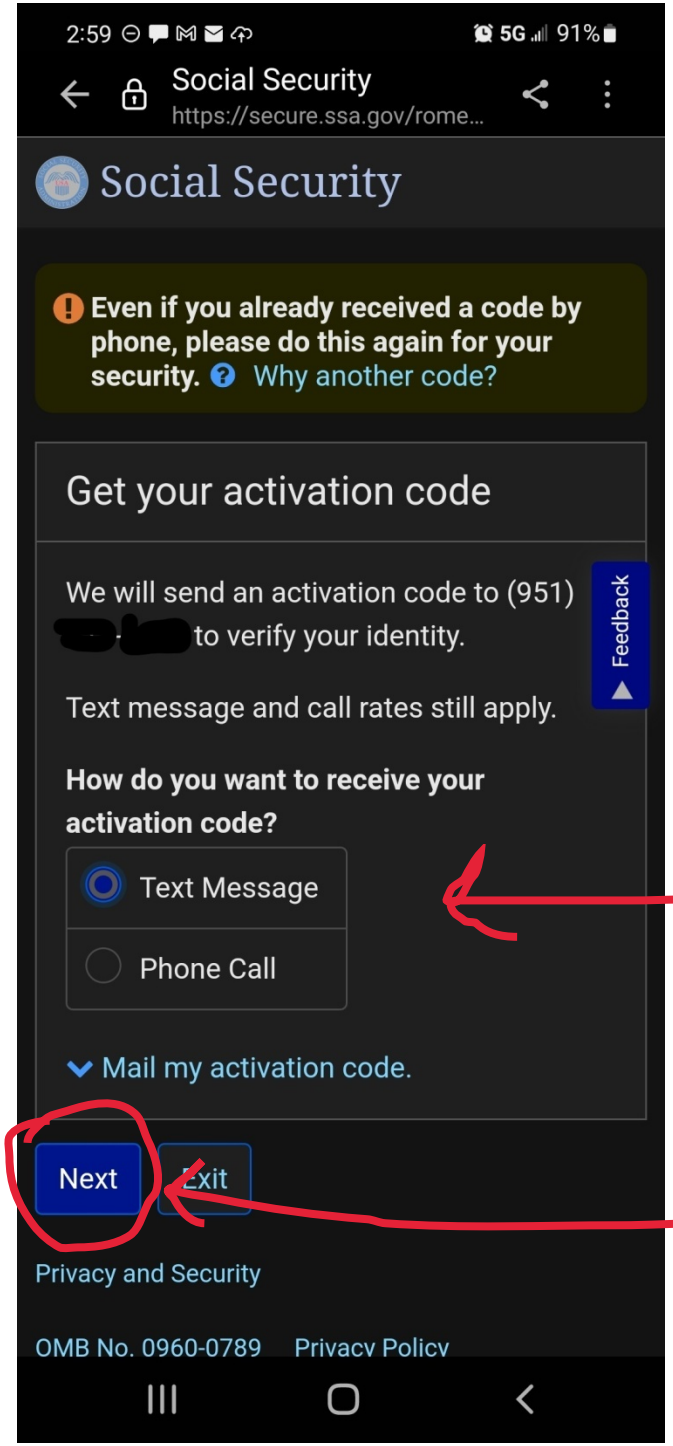
Once you entered the requested information, click the "Next" button



On this page you are given the option of adding an extra level of security. It is not required. I recommend NOT adding an extra level of security, as this is a government site and already very secure, and adding the extra security means extra confusing steps. You can add Extra Security at a later time if you choose. Then click on the "Next" button.

I recommend choosing "No, thanks. I don't want to add Extra Security at this time.

Then click on the "Next" button.



On this page you will need to choose how you want to receive your activation code, by text or by phone call. Text only works if the phone number you are using goes to a cell phone. After you make your choice, click the "Next" button.

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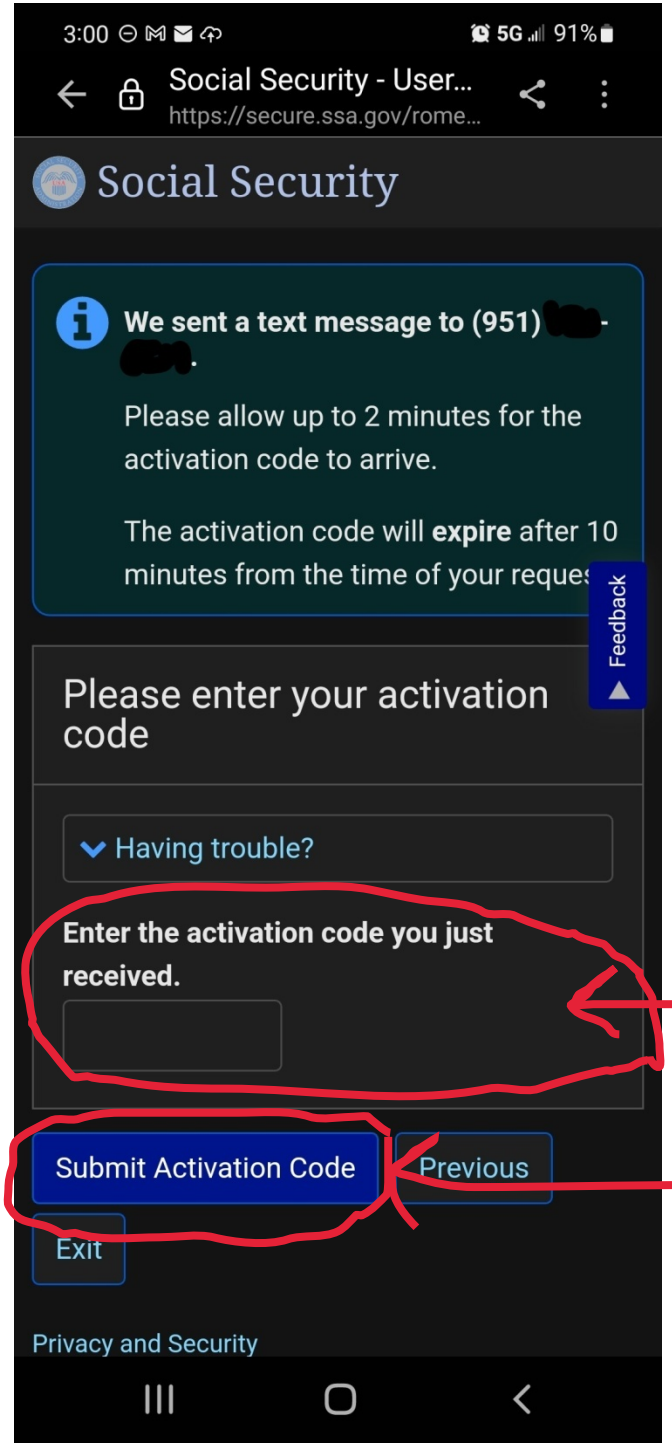

On this screen you will enter your activation code in the box that says "Enter the activation code you just received." Then click the "Submit Activation Code" button.

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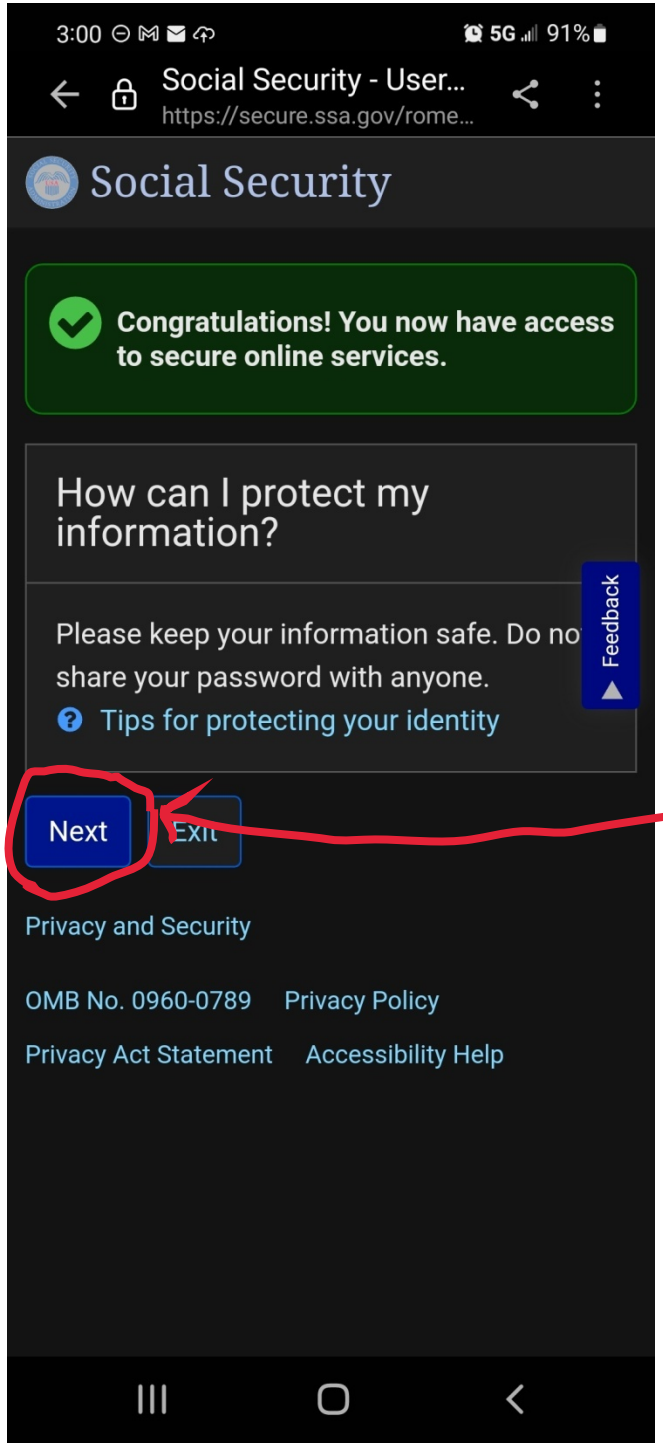

This next screen confirms that you have completed activating your account. Click the "Next" button.

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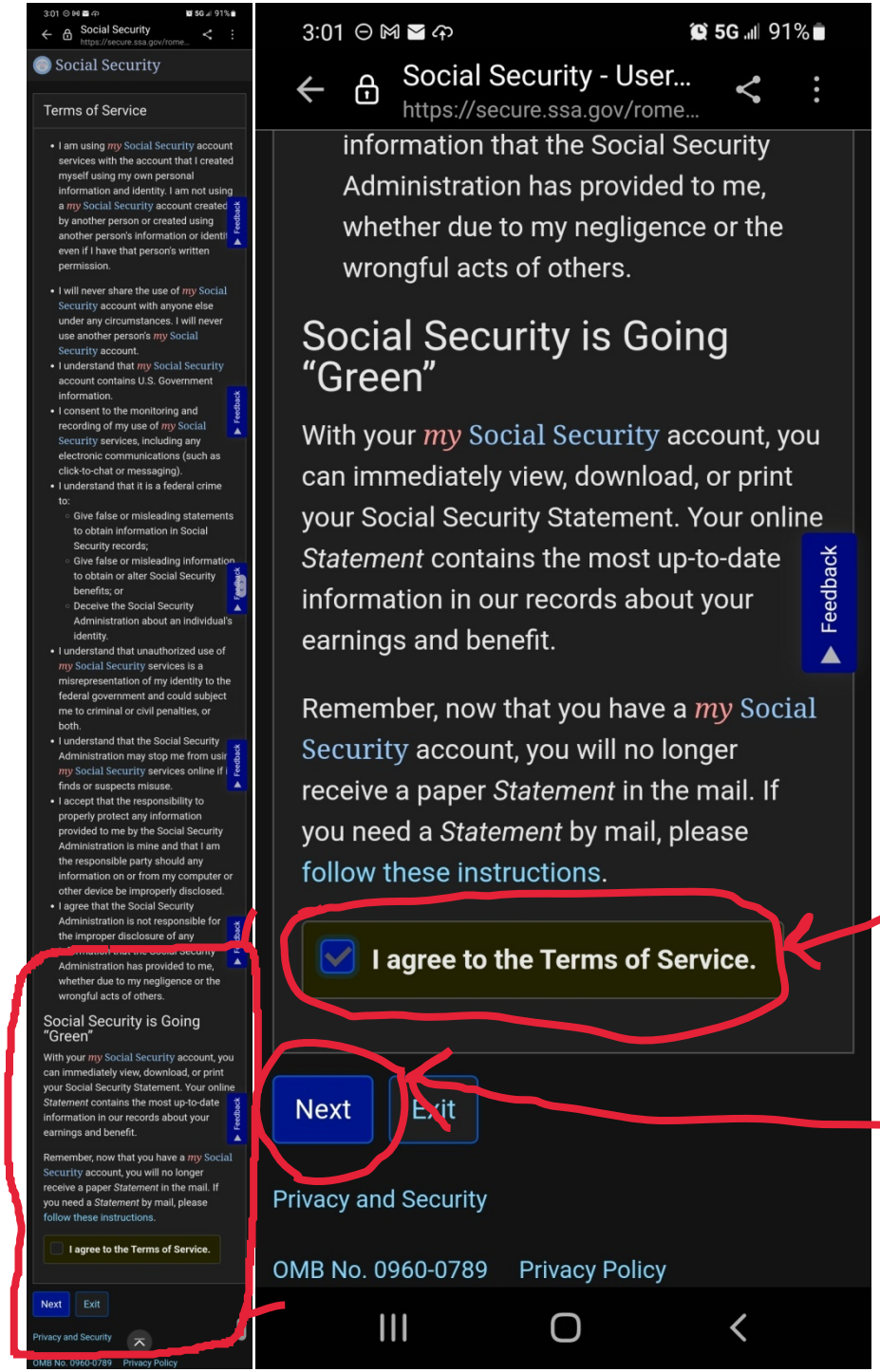
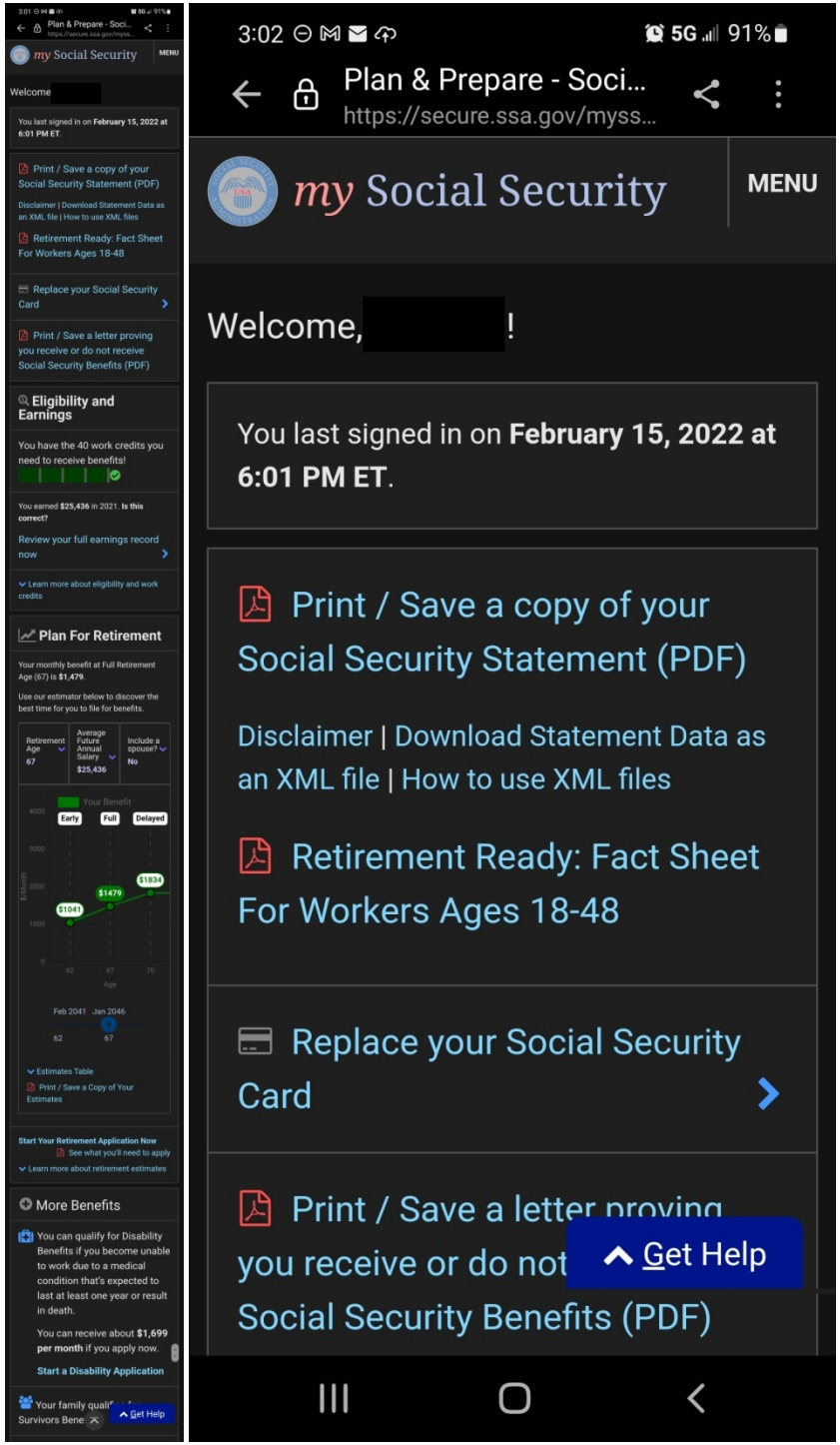


Here we have another Terms of Service screen (I zoomed in on the area where you have to click on things). Scroll to the bottom of the screen. And there's another reminder that Social Security is Going Green. Check the box next to "I agree to the Terms of Service". Then click on the "Next" button.

Check the box to accept the Terms of Service.

Click the "Next" button. (I promise this is the last one)



On this screen (zoomed in for detail) you will see you've successfully completed your account's set up. Here you can print copies of your Social Security statement, request a replacement card, view your earnings, and so on. There is a lot of information to view here!

And important for Medicare purposes, you now have this account ready for when you are within 3 months of your birth month and can sign up for Medicare A and B through this very account - which you will see how to do later, when we give you the Step Two Guide.

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Important Information About Your Online Account Inbox

NO-REPLY@ssa.gov 3:00 PM
to me

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for creating an online account or added extra security to your account with Social Security on February 15, 2022. You can sign in any time to https://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount with your email, password, and the one time security code that will be sent to you to access Social Security's online services.

You can sign in to your online Social Security account at https://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount If applicable, text messaging charges may apply depending on your plan.

If you did not make this request, call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. We can answer specific questions from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Generally, you will have a shorter wait time if you call during the week after Tuesday. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778.

Social Security may use an Identity Services Provider to help verify your identity and protect your privacy when you register to do business with us online. When we verify your account, our Identity Services Provider may use information from your credit report to help confirm your identity. As a result, you may see a "soft inquiry" entry with the Identity Services Provider on your credit report. This entry shows that we made an inquiry at your request, and the date of that request. This soft inquiry will not appear on a credit report from any other provider.

Soft inquiries are not reported to lenders and do not affect your credit score. You do not incur any charges related to them. Soft inquiries appear only on a credit report issued to you and are generally removed from your credit report within 12 months.

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For more information about our Identity Services Provider, please visit https://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/security.html online.

Please keep your information safe. Do not share your password with anyone.

Thank you for using the Social Security Administration's services at https://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount online.

Please do not reply to this email, as we are unable to respond to messages sent to this address.

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Once you complete your account, you will also receive an email similar to this one with additional information from the Social Security Administration.

Congratulations, you have completed the first step to getting Medicare, the setting up of your "My Social Security Account". (Of course you can also use this account later to do Social Security planning, which is another one of my guides.)

My next report will show you how to sign up for Medicare Parts A and B, which you should only do if it is within 3 months of your birth **MONTH**.

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