STEP BY STEP GUIDE

# FBI IHSC



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# What is a FBI IHSC?

To begin with, it is the U.S. Department of Justice Order 556-73, also known as Departmental Order, that establishes rules and regulations for you to **obtain a copy of your Identity History Summary for review, or proof that one does not exist.** 

That order was passed on Sept. 24, 1973, resulting from a determination that "28 U.S.C. 534 does not prohibit the subjects of arrest and convictions records from having access to those records." The order directed the FBI to release to the subjects of identification records copies of such records upon submission of a written request, satisfactory proof of identity of the person whose identification record is requested, and a processing fee.

- What exactly is in a "rap sheet," the colloquial term for an FBI Identification Record or IHSC? According to the DOJ order we mentioned earlier, it is a listing of certain information taken from fingerprint submissions retained by the FBI in connection with arrests and, in some instances, includes information taken from fingerprints submitted in connection with federal employment, naturalization, or military service. The Identification Record includes the name of the agency or institution that submitted the fingerprints to the FBI.
- What happens if the fingerprint records concern a criminal offense? In that case, the Identification Record includes the date of arrest or the date the individual was received by the agency submitting the fingerprints, the arrest charge, and the disposition of the arrest if known to the FBI. All arrest data included in an Identification Record are obtained from fingerprint submissions, disposition reports, and other reports submitted by agencies having criminal justice responsibilities.





# **How to Submit a Request**

The FBI offers three options for requesting your Identity History Summary or proof that one does not exist.

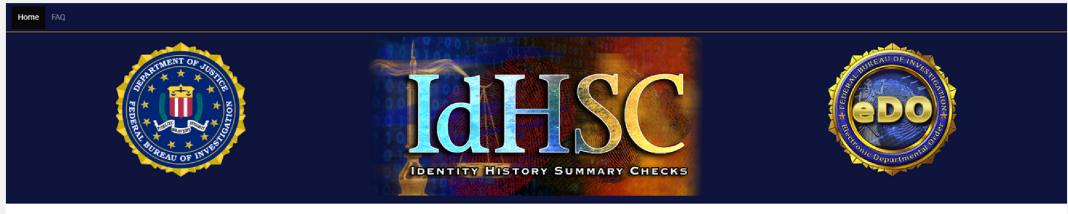
- Option 1: Electronically Submit Your Request Directly to the FBI
- Option 2: Submit Your Request Directly to the FBI via the Mail
- Option 3: Submit Your Request to an FBI-Approved Channeler
  - this last option is not recommended as you do have to be a US Citizen to submit the request via FBI-Approved Channeler.

# THIS IS A STEP BY STEP GUIDE ON HOW TO OBTAINING YOUR FBI Identity History Summary via OPTION 1- ELECTRONICALLY!





Step 1: Go to https://www.edo.cjis.gov.



Need Assistance? Click Here

Current processing time for Identity History Summary requests submitted electronically is estimated to be three to five business days upon receipt of the fingerprint card. Allow additional time for mail delivery if this option was selected during the request process.

Due to facility enhancements at the FBI CJIS Division, paper responses will be delayed. Electronic responses will not be impacted during this time.

#### Overview

For a fee, the FBI can provide individuals with an Identity History Summary, often referred to as a criminal history record or a "rap sheet," listing certain information taken from fingerprint submissions kept by the FBI and related to arrests and, in some instances, federal employment, naturalization, or military service.

If the fingerprint submissions are related to an arrest, the Identity History Summary includes the name of the agency that submitted the fingerprints to the FBI, the date of the arrest, the arrest charge, and the disposition of the arrest, if known. All arrest information included in an Identity History Summary is obtained from fingerprint submissions, disposition reports, and other information submitted by authorized criminal justice agencies.

The U.S. Department of Justice Order 556-73, also known as Departmental Order, establishes rules and regulations for you to obtain a copy of your Identity History Summary for review or proof that one does not exist.

Under federal law, you can use your Identity History Summary to review, correct, or update your own personal record. Identity History Summaries should not be used for employment or licensing. Questions regarding employment or licensing background checks should be directed to the State Identification Bureau for the state in which the background check is required.

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Once you get to this page you'll scroll all the way down and find where you can input your email address...please follow this guide step by step.





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#### **Obtaining Your Identity History Summary**

#### **Identity History Summary Checks For Employment Or Licensing**

If you are requesting a background check for employment or licensing within the U.S., you may be required by state statute or federal law to submit your request through your state identification bureau, the requesting federal agency, or another authorized channeling agency.

The FBI's authority to conduct an Identity History Summary check for noncriminal justice purposes is based upon Public Law (Pub. L.) 92-544. Pursuant to that law, the FBI is empowered to exchange Identity History Summary information with officials of state and local governments for employment, licensing — which includes volunteers — and other similar noncriminal justice purposes, if authorized by a state statute which has been approved by the Attorney General of the United States. The U.S. Department of Justice has advised that the state statute establishing guidelines for a category of employment or the issuance of a license must, in itself, require fingerprinting and authorize the governmental licensing or employing agency to exchange fingerprint data directly with the FBI.

An Identity History Summary search obtained pursuant to U.S. Department of Justice Order 556-73 may not meet employment requirements. Governmental licensing or employing agencies covered by federal laws and/or state statutes may refuse to accept Identity History Summary information directly from the subject of the summary, as there would be no way to verify that the information contained on the summary had not been altered. Also, an Identity History Summary provided to the subject for personal review contains only information maintained by the FBI and may lack dispositional data and/or arrest records that are maintained only at the state level.

You should contact the agency requiring the fingerprinting or the appropriate state identification bureau for the correct procedures to follow.

#### How To Submit A Request

An e-mail address must be provided in order to initiate the application process. A secure link, along with a personal identification number, will be sent to the specified address and will be used to complete the online application. The same secure link and personal identification number will be used to check the status of your application and to access your results. You may optionally elect to have your results sent to you by First-Class Mail via the U.S. Postal

Please select each step below to view additional information. Enter your e-mail address below to start the Identity History Summary Check process.

Step 1: Complete the Applicant Information Form				>
Step 2: Select Your Preferences				>
Step 3: Submit Your Fingerprints				>
Step 4: Submit Payment				>
Step 5: Review and Confirm Your Request				>

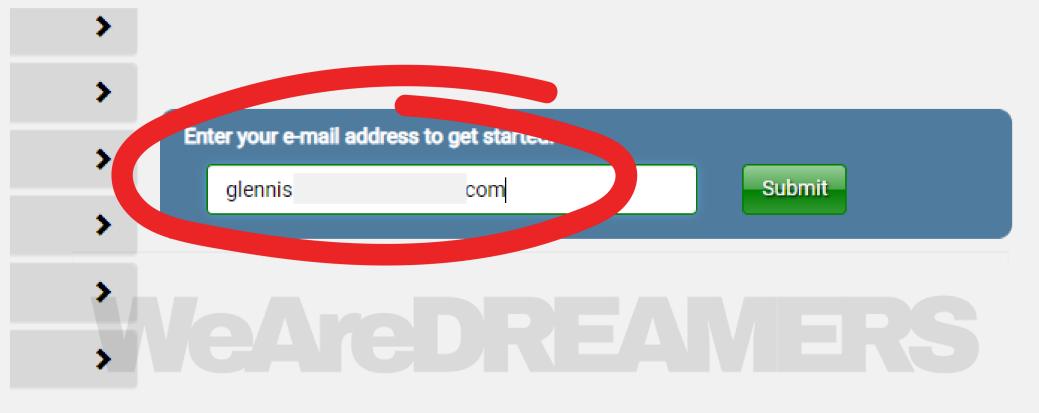
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Scroll down and find "How To Submit A Request" Go to the blue box on the right side where it says: "Enter your e-mail address to get started!"





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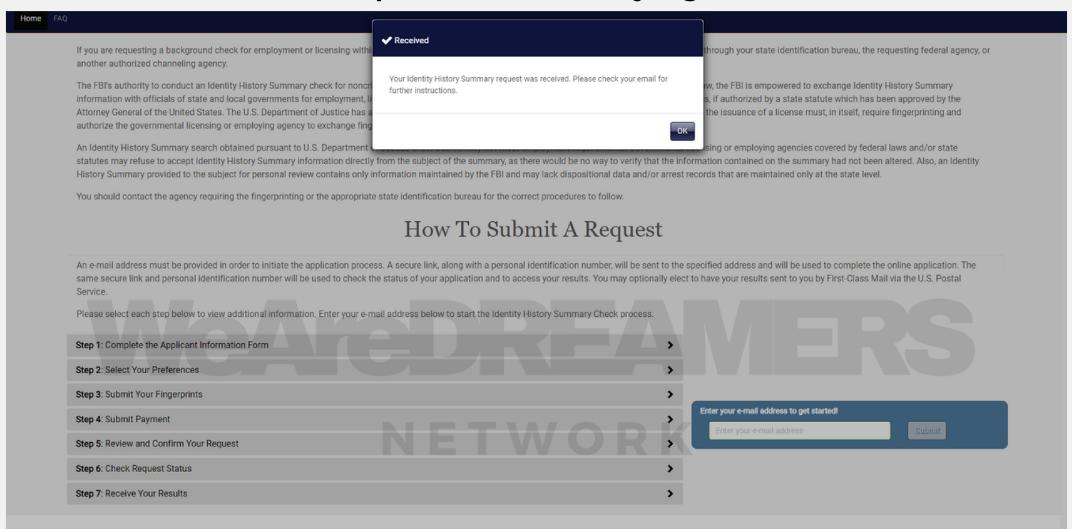


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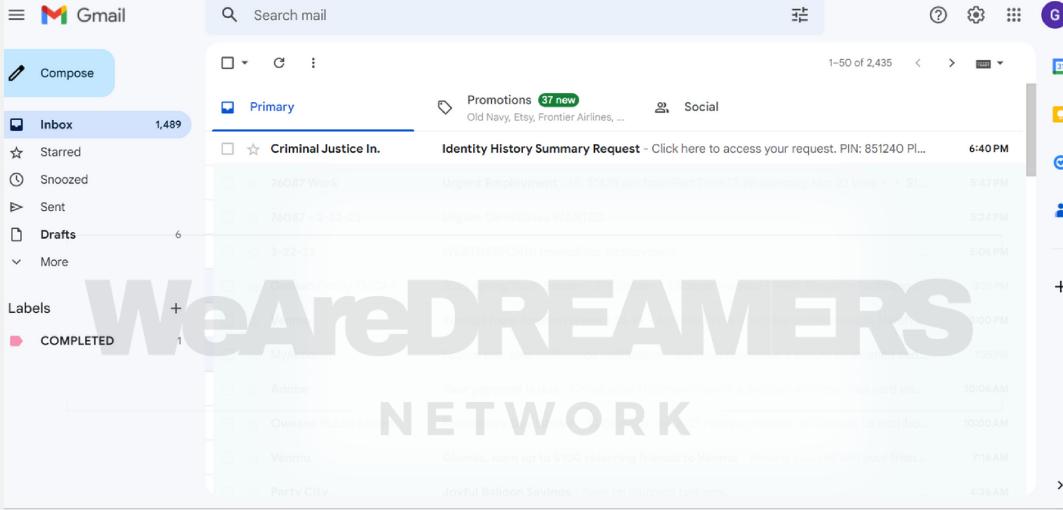




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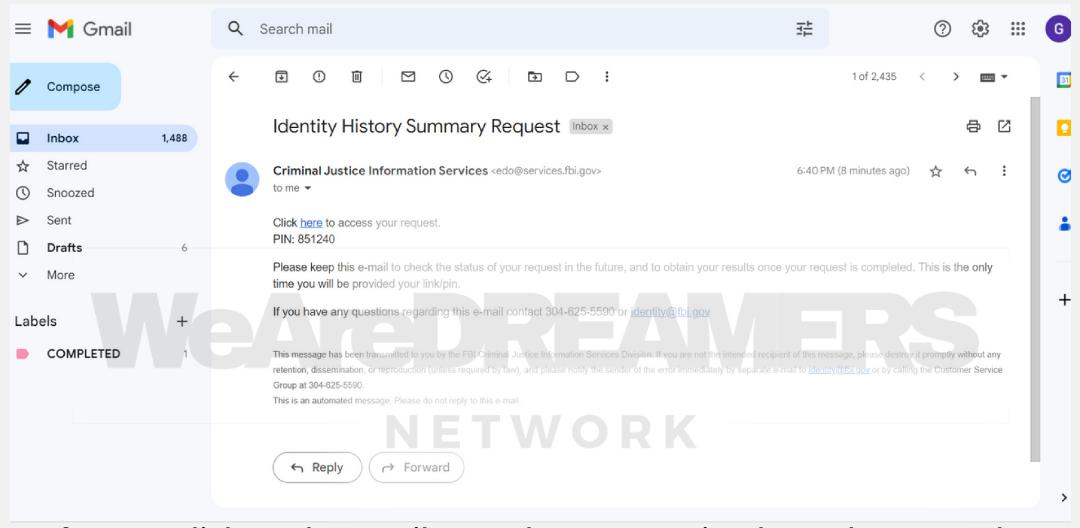




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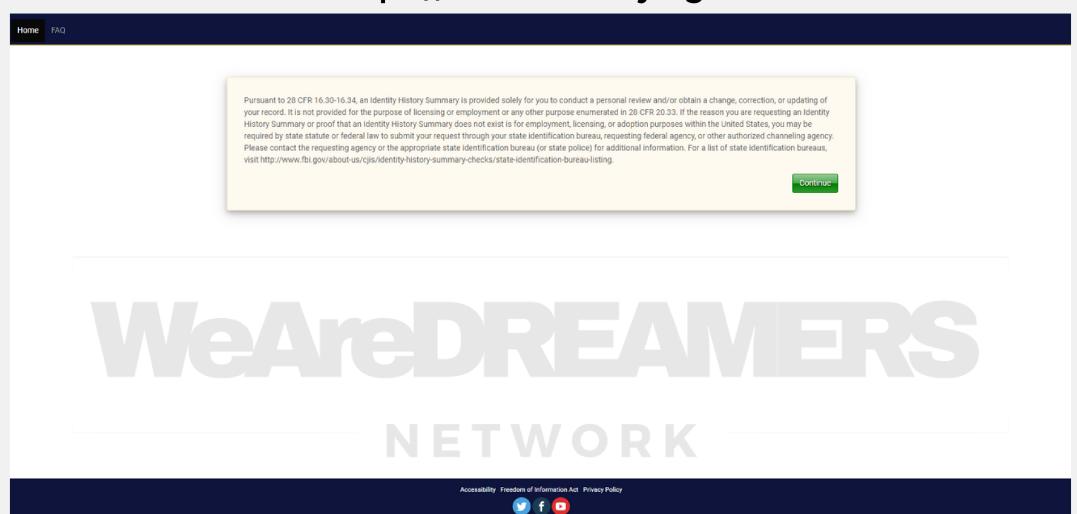




After you click on the email copy the **PIN** or write down the **PIN** and click where it says to "**CLICK HERE**" and it will take you back to the edo.cjis.gov website.



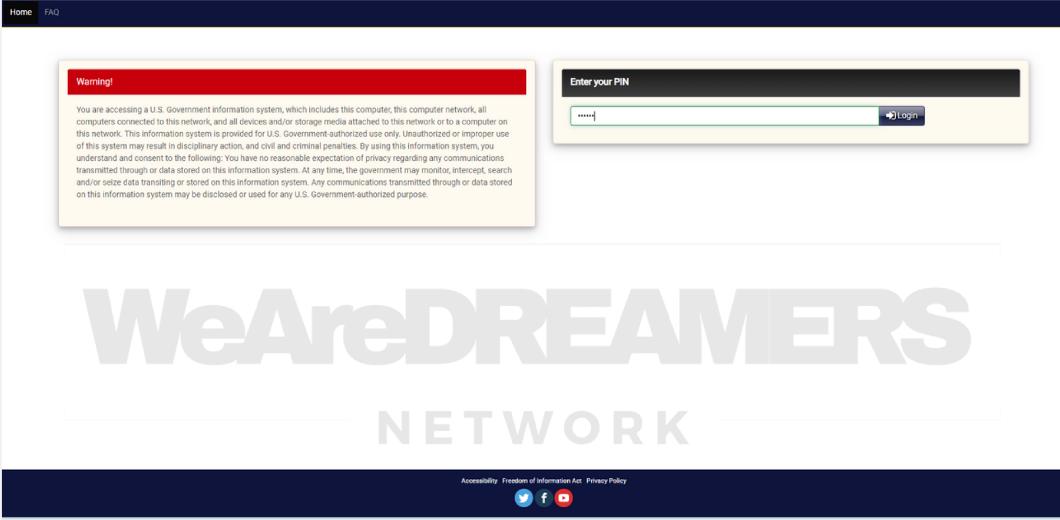




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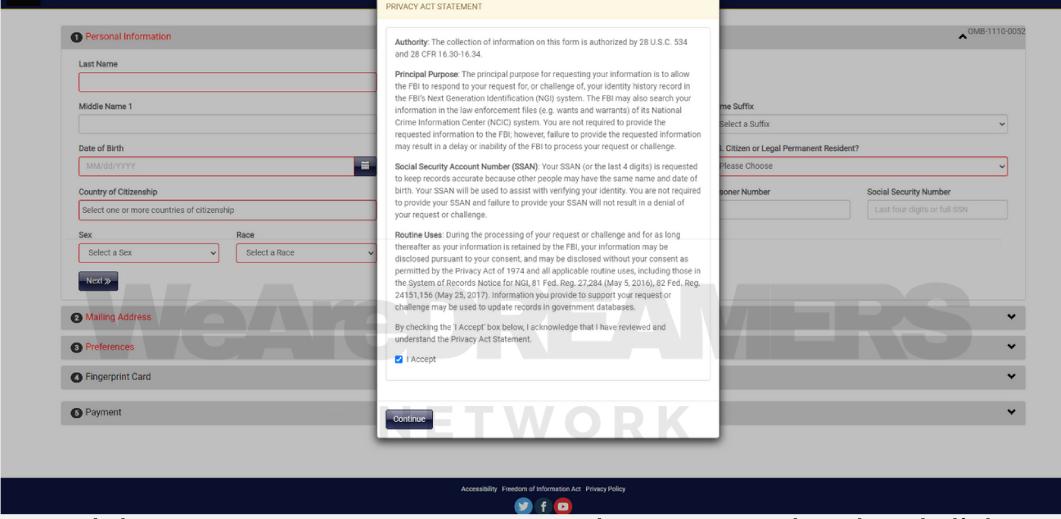




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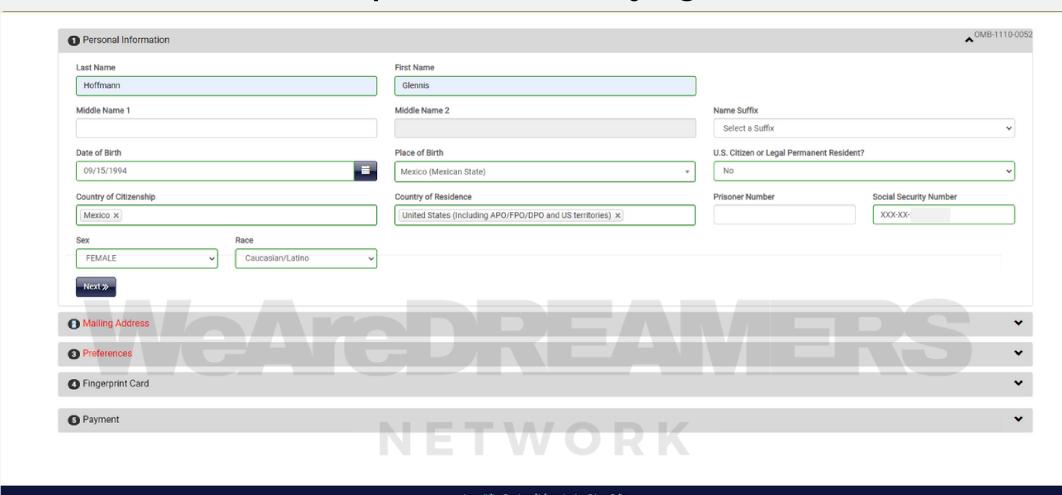




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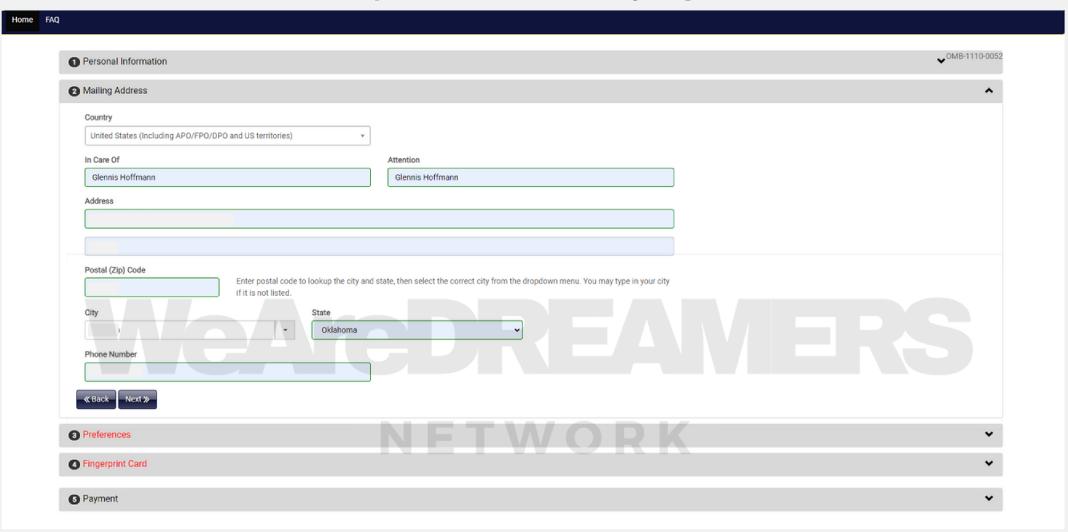


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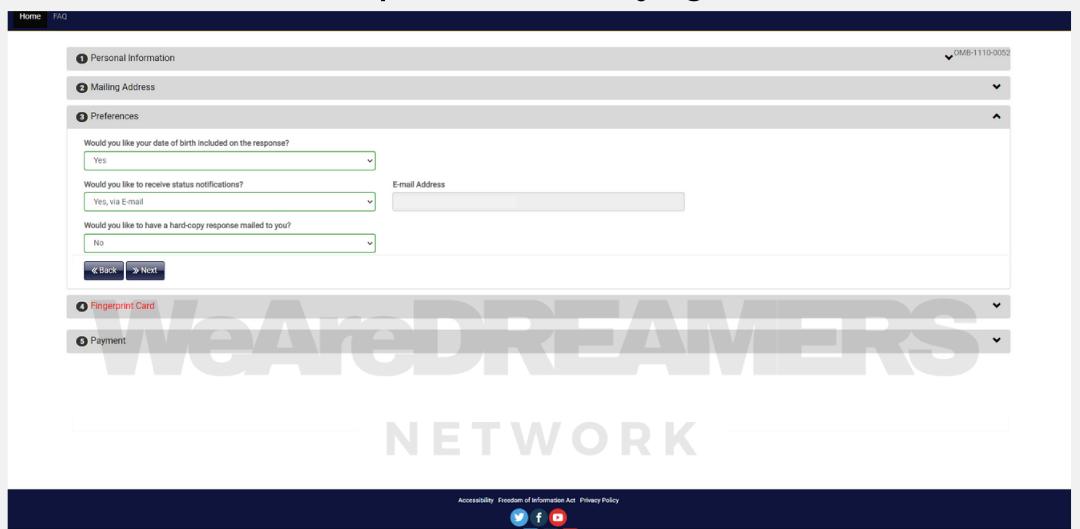




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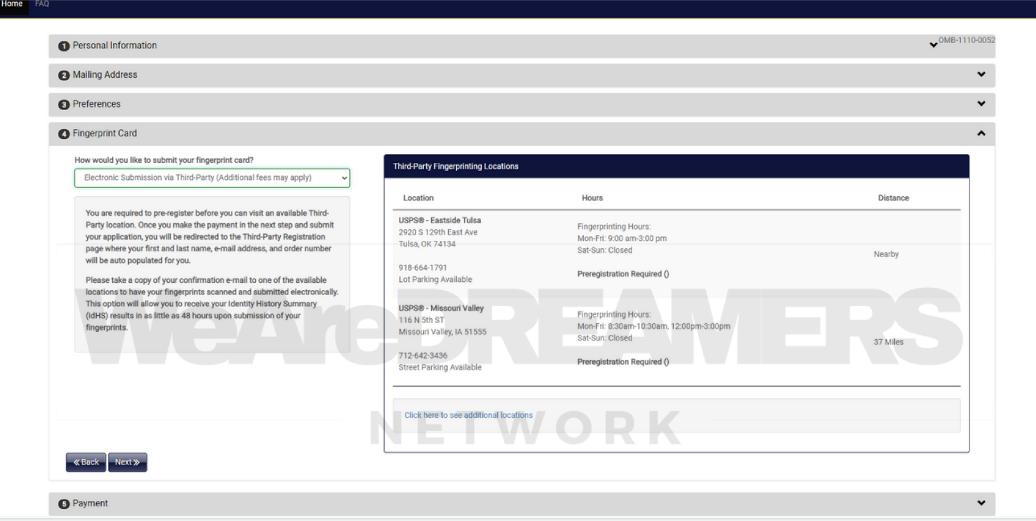




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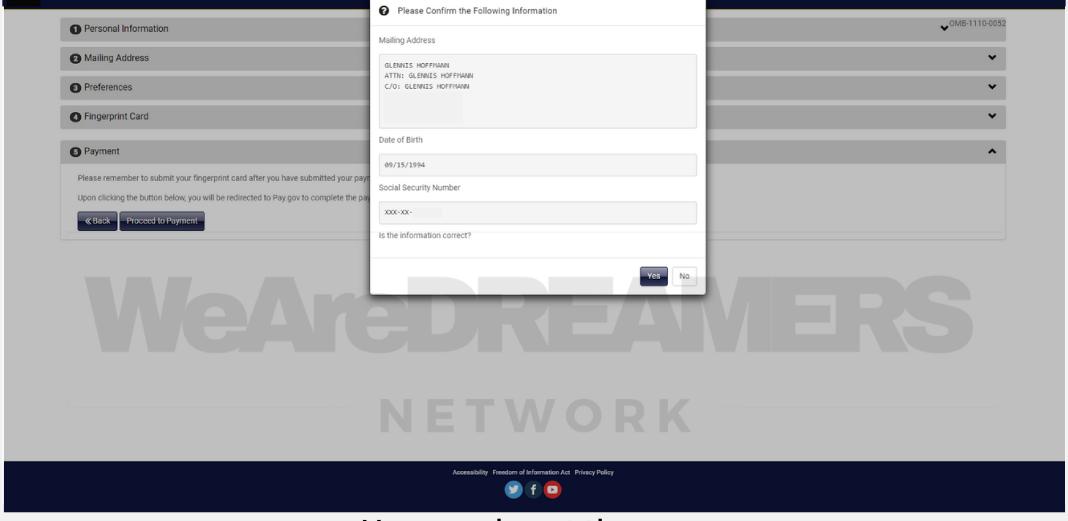


For **Fingerprinting** it will auto generate the nearest location where you can walk in with your email and provide your fingerprints.

You'll select the USPS office & **CONTINUE**.





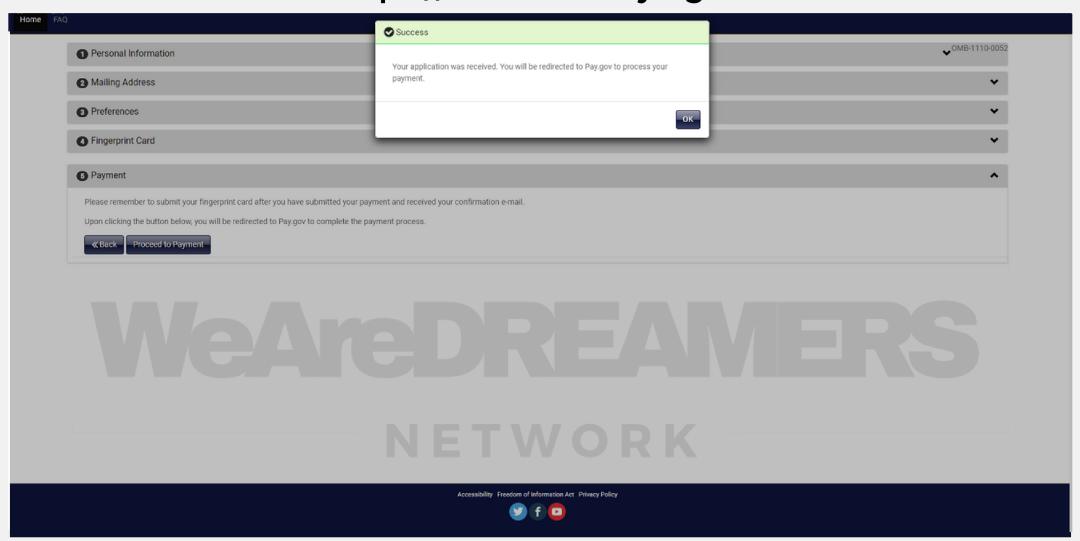


You are almost there.

It will ask you to reverify your information and click YES.







Congratulations you have submitted your request but you still need to submit your fingerprints...and this where you click "**OK**"and it will take you to another page to be able to input your payment information.





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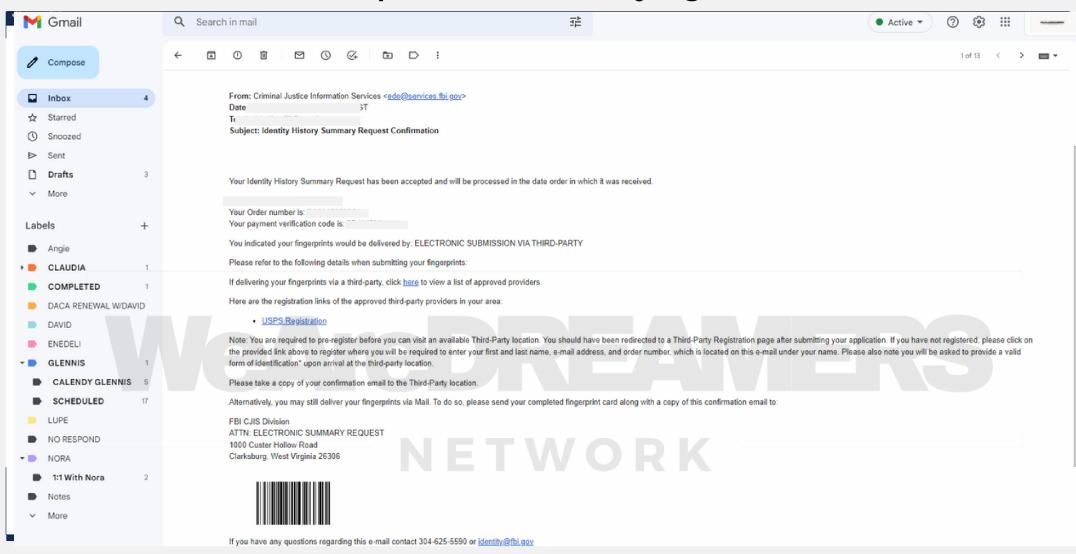




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Step 2: Visit a participating U.S. Post Office location to submit your fingerprints electronically as part of your request. You may go to any of the participating U.S. Post Office locations nationwide upon completion of your request. Additional fees may apply.

If you choose to use a U.S. Post Office location, you must complete your application and payment electronically prior to visiting a U.S. Post Office location to submit your fingerprints electronically as part of your request.



If you choose not to use a U.S. Post Office location to submit your fingerprints electronically, then you may still mail your completed fingerprint card, along with your confirmation email received when you started your electronic request, to the address listed on your confirmation email. The request will continue to be processed as an electronic submission once the completed fingerprint card is received.

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