

Student Earned Income Exclusion SSI Work Incentive

This provision allows a person under age 22, unmarried and regularly attending school to exclude up to \$1,640 of earned income per month (**up to a maximum of \$6,600 per year**).

This exclusion is applied before any other exclusions. Earnings received prior to the month of eligibility do not count toward the \$6,600 yearly limit.

INFORMATION THAT NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED TO SOCIAL SECURITY

- whether the child was regularly attending school in at least 1 month of the current calendar quarter, or expects to attend school for at least 1 month in the next calendar quarter; and
- the amount of the child's earned income (including payments from Neighborhood Youth Corps, Work-Study, and similar programs).

Verify wages of a student even if they are alleged to be \$65 or less per month.

"Regularly attending school" means that the person takes one or more courses of study and attends classes:

- in a college or university for 8 hours a week; or
- in grades 7 - 12 for 12 hours a week; or
- in a training course to Prepare for employment for 12 hours a week (15 hours a week if the course involves shop practice); or
- for less time than indicated above for reasons beyond the student's control, such as illness.

An individual who is home bound because of a disability may be "regularly attending school" by:

- taking a course or courses given by a school (grades 7 - 12), college, university, or government agency; and
- having a home visitor or tutor who directs the study.

APPLY THE EXCLUSION:

- consecutively to month in which there is earned income until the exclusion is exhausted or the individual is no longer a student child. Applies only to a student child's own earned income.

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