

Student Earned Income Exclusions (SEIE)

In calculating the SSI payment, the Social Security Administration will exclude a portion of a student's monthly income, currently up to \$1,370 (increased from \$400 effective January 1, 2001). The current yearly maximum is \$5,520 (increased from \$1,620 effective January 1, 2001). The Social Security Administration automatically adjusts the monthly and yearly exclusion amounts each year based on any increases in the cost-of-living index.

The student must be under the age of 22, not married or head of household.

The student must be regularly attending school enrolled in:

- grades 7-12 for least 12 hours per week,
- a training course for at least 12 hours per week (15 hours if the course involves shop practice), or
- a college or university for at least 8 hours per week

If a student is home schooled due to a disability, he or she may still be eligible for this work incentive and considered to be " regularly attending school " if:

- following a regular course of study given by a school (grades 7-12), college, university or government agency, and
- having a home visitor or tutor who directs the study

This work incentive allows a student to retain a portion, and in some cases all of her SSI check.