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Student Earned Income Exclusion Fact Sheet

Are you a student who gets SSI and wants to work?

Find out how you can work and still keep your SSI!

The “Student Earned Income Exclusion” (SEIE) helps working students under age 22 who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) keep more of their monthly SSI check. With SEIE, you may be able to get a part-time job or a summer job without losing your SSI benefits.

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If you are under age 22, and regularly attend school,¹ the Social Security Administration (SSA) will not reduce your check for the first \$2,350 you earn each month. Over the course of the year, SSA will exclude up to \$9,460²

[1] Regularly attending school means you take one or more courses of study and attend classes:

- In college or university for at least 8 hours per week;
- In grades 7–12 for at least 12 hours per week;
- In a training course to prepare for employment for at least 12 hours per week;
- In home school: instructed in grades 7–12 for at least 12 hours a week; or
- For less time than indicated above for reasons beyond the student control, such as illness.

When a student is on break, they are still eligible for SEIE if they were regularly attending school before and after the break.

[2] These numbers are for 2025. The amount is adjusted every year based on cost of living.

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