

STUDENT EARNED INCOME EXCLUSION

2018 FACTSHEET

“What is the Student Earned Income Exclusion?”

Your earned income will affect the amount of SSI benefits you receive. In general, the more income you receive, the less SSI you will receive within a month. However, the Social Security Administration might not count certain income against your SSI payment. For 2018 for students under the age of 22 that regularly attend school, the SSA will not count up to \$1,820 of earned income per month. However, also for 2018, the most income a student may exclude in one year is \$7,350. So students that regularly attend school can earn up to \$1,820 in a month and \$7,350 in a year without that income counting against their SSI payments.

“How do I know if I am ‘regularly attending school?’”

You are regularly attending school if you attend a college or university for at least 8 hours a week, OR attend grades 7-12 for at least 12 hours a week, OR attend an employment-training course for at least 12 hours a week, OR attend an employment-training course with shop practice for at least 15 hours a week. You may also qualify if you do not meet the hour requirements for reasons beyond your control (like illness).

Home Schooling

- If you are home schooled in accordance with Nevada law in grades 7-12 for at least 12 hours a week, then you will be considered to regularly attend school.
- If you are home schooled because of a disability by a home visitor or tutor, and are studying in a grade 7-12 or college level course, then you may also qualify for the Student Earned Income Exclusion.

If you are a student who is working, considering returning to work, or who has any questions about the Student Earned Income Exclusion, please contact the Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) WIPA coordinator at 877-890-5082.

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