

Work Incentives Network

Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

2021 Fact Sheet

<p>How does SEIE help?</p>	<p>If you are under age 22 and regularly attending school, SSA does not count up to \$1,930 of earned income per month when they figure your SSI payment amount.</p> <p>SSA applies the student earned income exclusion before the general income exclusion or the earned income exclusions when calculating the SSI check amount.</p> <p>The maximum yearly exclusion is \$7,770. These amounts are for the year 2020; they are adjusted each year based on the cost-of-living.</p>
<p>What is the definition of “regularly attending school”?</p>	<p>“Regularly attending school” means that you take one or more courses of study and attend classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a college or university for at least 8 hours a week; or • In grades 7-12 for at least 12 hours a week; or • In a training course to prepare for employment for at least 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. <p>If you are home taught, you may be considered “regularly attending school” if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are instructed in grades 7-12 for at least 12 hours a week; and • The instruction is in accordance with a home school law of the State or other jurisdiction in which you reside. <p>If you are home taught because of a disability, you may be considered “regularly attending school” by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studying 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.