How does Student Earned Income Exclusion help you?
If you are under age 22 and regularly attending school, SSA does not count up to $1,780/month (in 2015) earned income when they calculate your SSI- Supplemental Security Income payment amount. The maximum yearly exclusion is $7,180 in 2015.

“Regularly attending school” means that you take one or more courses of study and attend classes:

- In a college or university for at least 8 clock 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.

Other types of students may be considered “regularly attending school” if courses given in grades 7-12, a college or university, or a government agency.

- Homeschooling: You are instructed 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.
- Homebound students: You are forced to cease actual physical presence in the classroom due to illness, injury or other circumstances beyond your control and having a home visitor or tutor who directs the study.
- Online: courses given are authorized by the laws of the state in which the online school is located.

SSI beneficiaries need to provide verification of school attendance when:

- Under age 18yr and expects to earn over $65 in a month
- Between 18yr – 22yr and alleges being a student

Obtaining school attendance Information

- H.S./Technical Training: Provide current: class schedule or tuition receipt
- Other students: list of courses, record of state-mandated tests, instructor certification of attendance

The SGA- Substantial Gainful Activity is NOT part of the Age 18 Re-determination

Based on 2014 Social Security data, approximately 55% of all childhood SSI recipients are initially determined ineligible for adult SSI during the age-18 redetermination (From the 2014 SSI Annual Report at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/oact/ssir/SSI14/index.html).

Oklahoma Work Incentives Planning and Assistance project can give you information about how working could affect your disability benefits and support your employment goals.

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