



# Student Earned Income Exclusion

**Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)** is a provision of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This exclusion allows students under the age of 22 to receive wages/income up to a specified amount that will not affect their countable income and their benefits.

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## What is the definition of STUDENT?

To qualify, a student must be regularly attending school and taking one or more classes. Students may participate in college or university classes, be in grades 7-12 or attend training courses. For a full list of student requirements go to:

<https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-student-earned-income.htm>

## SEIE excluded earnings amounts

The amount of MONTHLY and YEARLY exemption limits are usually changed by the Social Security Administration annually. The 2026 SEIE amount of earnings that will not effect program eligibility or benefits are:

**Annual Income - \$9,730    Monthly Income - \$2,410**

<https://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/studentEIE.html>

## Other Resources

- <https://kydb101.org>
- <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-plans-self-support.htm>
- <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-work-expenses.htm>
- <https://www.ssa.gov/work/WIPA.html>

## AT A GLANCE

- SEIE can be used in addition to other work incentive programs
- SSI asset limit remains the same (consider opening an ABLE program account for potential savings)
- Evidence of Student Status may be required for determination
- For school breaks or vacations student must notify SSI of intent to return to school.



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