Social Security

Student Earned Income Exclusion For SSI

Automatic Determinations

Cost-of-Living Adjustment

SSI countable income

SSI Annual Report

SSI payment standard determination

A blind or disabled child, who is a student regularly attending school, college, or university, or a course of vocational or technical training, can have limited earnings that are not counted against his or her Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. The maximum amount of the income exclusion applicable to a student in 2019 is \$1,870 per month but not more than \$7,550 in 2019.

Income Exclusion Amounts for 2020

For 2020, the student earned income exclusion amounts increase by 1.6 percent to \$1,900 per month but not more than \$7,670 in 2020.

Calculation method

Each of the monthly and yearly maximum amounts for 2020 is the corresponding unrounded amount for 2019 increased by the latest COLA. If the amount so calculated is not a multiple of \$10, we round it to the nearest multiple of \$10.

Calculation details for 2020

The unrounded *monthly* amount for 2019 is \$1873.47. This amount is increased by 1.6 percent to \$1903.45, which we then round to \$1,900.

The unrounded *yearly* amount for 2019 is \$7551.92. This amount is also increased by 1.6 percent to \$7672.75, which we then round to \$7,670.