

## **Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)**

**SSI eligible**

### **How does the SEIE help you?**

If you are under age 22 and regularly attending school, we do not count up to \$1,870 of earned income per month when we figure your Supplemental Security Income payment amount. The maximum yearly exclusion is \$7,550. These amounts are for the year 2019; we usually adjust these figures each year based on the cost-of-living.

### **What is the definition of “regularly attending school?”**

“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 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.

### **Does home schooling qualify?**

If you are home-taught, you may be considered “regularly attending school” if:

- 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.

If you are home-taught because of a disability, you may be considered “regularly attending school” by:

- 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.

### **How do we apply the income exclusion?**

We apply the SEIE before the general income exclusion or the earned income exclusion.