**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 $1,730 of earned income per month when we figure your Supplemental Security Income payment amount. The maximum yearly exclusion is $6,960.These amounts are for the year 2013; 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:

1. In a college or university for at least 8 hours a week; or
2. In grades 7-12 for at least 12 hours a week; or
3. 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
4. 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:

1. You are instructed in grades 7-12 for at least 12 hours a week; and
2. 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:

1. Studying a course or courses given by a school (grades 7-12), college, university or government agency; and
2. 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.