

# Many students can earn up to \$2,015 per month and still receive a full SSI cash benefit.

**The Student Earned Income Exclusion allows SSI recipients under age 22, who regularly attend school, to exclude as much as \$1,930 of gross earned income per month, up to an annual exclusion of \$7,770.**

*\$1,930 Student Earned Income Exclusion + \$20 General Exclusion + \$65 Earned Income Exclusion = \$2,015*



**STUDENTS WHOSE HIGH SCHOOL YEARS INCLUDE PAID COMMUNITY WORK EXPERIENCE ARE MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY TO HAVE PAID EMPLOYMENT IN THEIR FIRST TWO YEARS OF ADULTHOOD.**

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## WHAT DOES "REGULARLY ATTEND" MEAN?

Social Security's definition of "regularly attending school" means one or more courses of study in a college or university for at least 8 hours a week; 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 if the course involves shop practice). Adjustments are made for those home bound and home schooled.



*For the months the Student Earned Income Exclusion is used, a student could earn \$3,603 per month before their cash benefit is suspended.*

*As long as the student attends school regularly before summer break and returns to regular attendance after summer break, the exclusion is effective through the summer months.*

*The exclusion is NOT optional – if the student is eligible, the exclusion must be applied.*