

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

WHAT IS SSI?

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a needs-based program for people with limited income and resources. SSI makes monthly payments to people with limited income and resources who are 65 or older, or blind, or disabled. (Social Security Administration, SSA.gov)



Before your child turns 18, income requirements for SSI eligibility are based on the entire income and resources of family members living in the household. At age 18, your child will be reevaluated using criteria that adults must meet.

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DOES MY CHILD QUALIFY FOR SSI?

Your child's eligibility for SSI is determined by the following:

- Child's income + income and resources of family members in household must meet the low income criteria.

AND

- Child must meet criteria for disability that results in "marked and severe functional limitations." This means that the medical condition(s) must very seriously limit the child's activities.

(See *Benefits for Children with Disabilities*, 2021; SSA.gov)

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SSI FOR MY CHILD?

1. Submit the **Child Disability Report**.
2. A Social Security representative will contact you by phone to begin the application.

Child Disability Report: complete online at www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.html

Or, download and print:

www.ssa.gov/forms; Form SSA-3820-BK

If you need help completing a form, please call SSA at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or contact your local Social Security office.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION?

www.ssa.gov/pubs

- **Benefits for Children with Disabilities** (Publication No. 05-10026, 2021)
- **What You Should Know Before You Apply for Disability Benefits for Your Child** (Publication No. 64-112, 2018)
- **What You Need To Know About Your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) When You Turn 18** (Publication No. 05-11005, 2021)
- **Appeal a Decision - learn more at:** www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html
- **Find Your Local Social Security Office:** secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp or call 1-888-759-3919 (Fredericksburg Region) (TTY 1-800-325-0778)

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