

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

BENEFITS FOR ADULTS 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.

RESOURCES

DO I QUALIFY FOR SSI?

Eligibility for SSI at age 18 is determined by the following:

- The individual has limited income and few resources.
- AND**
- It is determined that there is a physical or mental impairment that:
 - results in the inability to do any substantial gainful activity; and
 - can be expected to result in death; or
 - has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months

(www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm)

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SSI?

Visit www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability to start the disability application process online. You may be eligible to apply for SSI through the online disability application.

Call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778; TRS 1-800-772-1213) and make an appointment to apply for SSI. You can make a telephone appointment with a Social Security representative at your local Social Security office to file for SSI benefits.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION?

www.ssa.gov/pubs

- **What You Need To Know About Your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) When You Turn 18** (Publication No. 05-11005, 2021).
- **You May Be Able to Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** (Publication No. 05-11069, 2021)
- **Understanding Supplemental Security Income - 2021 Edition** (Publication No. 17-008, 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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