



Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Social Security Benefits Assistance Program

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You can work!

And keep your Social Security benefits too!

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Do you want to get a job? The Benefits Planner can help you understand how work affects your Social Security benefits (SSI and SSDI) and help you keep those benefits while you're working. The Benefits Planner can also help you use Social Security Work Incentive programs to pay for work-related expenses.

The Benefit Planner may help you:

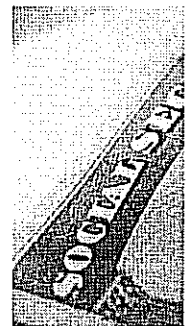
- Meet your employment goals
- Understand how earnings may affect your SSI/SSDI & other programs
- Understand what work incentives are available, including PASS & IRWE
- Understand how to use those work incentives
- Walk through the maze of benefits and resources
- Access Social Security
- Assist problems with Social Security/SSI, such as overpayments

Social Security Work Incentives may help you:

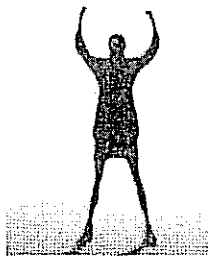
- Be able to work and keep your benefits
- Keep your Medicaid and Medicare
- Retain more of your Social Security cash benefits
- Pay for work-related expenses

Eligibility for the Snohomish County Social Security Benefits Assistance Program:

- You are a client of the Division of Developmental Disabilities
- You live in Snohomish County



For more information about the
Snohomish County Social Security Benefits Assistance Program,
please contact Melinda Bocci at (425) 388-7259 or melinda.bocci@snoco.org.



SSI Calculation Worksheet

Name:

Date:

Step

Calculations

	\$685/mth No Student Status	\$685/mth Student Status	
Unearned Income (DAC,SSDI,child support, unemployment, etc.)	0	0	
General Income Exclusion (GIE) (\$20)	-0	-0	-
Countable Unearned Income	=0	=0	=
Gross Earned Income	\$685	\$685	
Student Earned Income Exclusion	-0	-685	-
Remainder	685	0	
GIE (if not used above) (\$20)	-20	-0	-
Remainder	665	0	
Earned Income Exclusion (EIE) (\$65)	-65	-0	-
Remainder	600	0	
Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE)	-0	-0	-
Remainder	600	0	
Divide by 2 (½ income exclusion)	300	0	
Blind Work Expenses (BWE)	-0	-0	-
Total Countable Earned Income	=\$300	=\$0	=
Total Countable Unearned Income	0	0	
Total Countable Earned Income	+300	+0	+
PASS Deduction	-0	-0	-
Total Countable Income	=\$300	=\$0	=
Base SSI Rate (\$698 for 2012)	\$698	\$698	
Total Countable Income	-300	-0	-
Adjusted SSI Payment	=398	=\$698	=

Wages	\$685	\$685	
SSI ✓	+398	+698	+
SSDI/DAC ✓	+0	+0	+
IRWE or PASS contributions & payments	-0	-0	-
Total Resources	=\$1,083	=\$1,383	=

Social Security Work Incentives

(There are other work incentives beyond these 4.)

Student Earned Income Exclusion* SSI eligible

Criteria and Guidelines:

- Student must be under the age of 22 and regularly attending school
- Student must be working
- Exclude up to \$1,700 of earned income per month when they figure the SSI monthly payment amount, with the maximum yearly exclusion is \$6,840

Example of what this looks like:

Gina is 19 and is making \$685 a month working at the local bakery. Her SSI monthly payment amount would be \$398 because of her wages. But Gina is also a student and attends her high school transition program on a regular basis. She is now able to deduct her monthly wages, with a maximum of \$1,700 a month, and a maximum of \$6,840 a year.

\$685 would be deducted as income, allowing her to keep a full SSI benefit check in the amount of \$698. She is not reaching her monthly threshold of \$1,700, meaning that she can keep using this work incentive until she reaches a total of \$6,840. If she continues to make \$685 a month, she would be able to utilize the work incentive for 9 months, equaling \$6,165; she would still be able to exclude the remaining \$675 from the wages on the 10th month. After applying the General Income Exclusion of \$20 and the Earned Income Exclusion of \$65, she would still be able to get a full benefit check in the amount of \$698. After the 10th month, she would be back to receiving a benefit amount of \$398.

*If Social Security knows that you are a student, the Student Earned Income Exclusion should automatically apply. If not, Social Security may have to be notified to update their records.

Social Security Field Office Locations By Zip Code and Local IRS Office

OFFICE	ZIP CODES			
Bellevue Field Office 505 106th Ave NE, Ste 301 Bellevue, WA 98004 Local number: 1-866-574-2323 Local FAX number: 425-450-1940 Toll-Free 1-800-772-1213 TTY 1-800-325-0778 Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am-4pm	Bellevue 98004-98009 Bothell 98011, 98012, 98021,98041 Carnation 98014 Duvall 98019 Fall City 98024 Issaquah 98027 Kenmore 98028 Kirkland 98033, 98034, 98083 Medina 98089 Mercer Island 98040 North Bend 98045 Preston 98050 Redmond 98052, 98053, 98073 Snoqualmie 98065 Snoqualmie Pass 98068 Woodinville 98072			
Everett Field Office 8625 Evergreen Way, #250 Everett, WA 98208 Local number: 1-866-563-4595 Local FAX number: 425-347-3399 Toll-Free 1-800-772-1213 TTY 1-800-325-0778 Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am-4pm	98201 98206 98236 98253 98260 98275 98291 98258	98203 98208 98249 98254 98270 98287 98292	98204 98223 98251 98256 98271 98288 98293	98205 98224 98252 98259 98272 98290 98294
Lynnwood Field Office 18905 33rd Ave W, Ste 207 Lynnwood, WA 98036 Local number: 1-877-575-5197 Local FAX number: 425-774-4620 Toll-Free 1-800-772-1213 TTY 1-800-325-0778 Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am-4pm	98012 98036 98082	98020 98037 98087	98021 98043	98026 98046
Internal Revenue Service Office, Everett 3020 Rucker Ave Everett, WA 98201 Local number: 425-304-1656, Hours Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm Toll Free number: 1-800-829-1040, Hours Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 10:00pm				