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Oklahomans with Disabilities Employment Resources

## ◆ Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

**\$1,780 per month but not more than \$7,180 in 2015.**

Children with disabilities under the age of 22, who are students regularly attending school, college, or university, or a course of vocational or technical training, can have limited earnings that are NOT counted against his or her SSI. The amount changes each year, and students must request this exclusion through the local SSA office. This is a great opportunity for youth to gain work experience, earn wages, and not have SSI payments reduced during this training period.

## ◆ Benefits of Working

- Earning wages and freedom to make choices on spending
- Being productive and having pride in oneself
- Increased confidence toward independent living
- Improved health
- Opportunity to socialize and make friends
- Being part of the community
- Developing skills for future employment and career advancement
- Less reliance on government assistance



"I'm able to keep my part-time job at the Oklahoma State Department of Education and continue to receive my Social Security benefits. I work 24 hours a week at the OSDE and still receive enough SSI benefits to support my diabetic supplies and daily living needs." - Heather

## Need Help?

Contact the Social Security Administration: Call the national number 1-800-772-1213 for the automated telephone services to receive recorded information and assistance 24 hours a day.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call the toll-free TTY number, 1-800-325-0778, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, or SSA in Oklahoma City 405-605-3000  
SSA in Tulsa 918-641-2400  
[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

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