

Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

If you are eligible for a Student Earned Income Exclusion you may be able to exclude **\$1,640.00** a month from work, up to **\$6,600** a year (2010 and 2011)!

Eligibility:

- ◆ You need to be working
- ◆ A student under age 22
- ◆ A student regularly attending school
 - ◆ In a college or university for at least 8 hours a week under a semester or quarter system
 - ◆ In grades 7 - 12 for at least 12 hours a week
 - ◆ In a course of training to prepare him/her for a paying job for at least 15 hours a week if the course involves shop practice or 12 hours a week if it does not involve shop practice.



*There are different requirements for homebound students.

What do I need to do:

- ◆ Develop the following information and send to Social Security on form SSA-795:
 - ◆ Amount of the student's earned income
 - ◆ Has the student attended school for at least one month in the current calendar quarter, or does the student expect to attend school for at least one month in the next calendar quarter.
- ◆ Give Social Security the name and address of the school the student will be attending. The name and telephone number of who they can contact at the school to verify information. Information on the course or courses of study, dates of enrollment, number of hours of attendance and verification of enrollment such as an ID card, tuition receipt, or other comparable evidence.

How does this benefit me?

- ◆ Social Security will exclude up to **\$1,640.00/ month (\$6,600.00 a year)** that the student earns from work when determining the amount of their Social Security benefit.

Other Good News:

- ◆ Work done during a summer break will still be excluded, as long as the student is returning to school in the fall.