

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Security Income, also known as **SSI**, provides monthly payments to people with a disability and who have limited income and resources.

- To receive SSI you must be blind, disabled, or over age 65 AND have limited income and resources.
- The Social Security office will look at your **disability** and **financial** situation.
- If you already receive SSI as a child, the SSI employee will **reevaluate** your eligibility as an adult when you turn **18 years old**. Make sure to check the status of your SSI by contacting your local Social Security Office.
 - Once you are 18 years old, SSI no longer considers your parents' assets when determining your financial status.
 - Remember that there are different disability eligibility criteria for children and adults. This means there is no guarantee that you will continue receiving SSI as an adult, even if you received it as a child.
- You can complete some parts of the SSI application on-line. You will also need to bring in various **original documents** to the office when applying for SSI.
 - Some of these include your social security card, birth certificate, bank statements, insurance, medical reports, and contact information for your doctors. Also required are proof of income and proof of living arrangements.
 - Keep a copy of things you send to the social security office. Keep track of the dates you sent information, as well as the name of employees with whom you spoke.

To Apply For SSI:

- Contact the **Social Security Office** at 800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov to find your **local office**.
- For further information or legal questions regarding SSI, you may contact **Health and Disability Advocates** at 312-223-9600 or www.hdadvocates.org.

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