SOAR: SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery



You CAN work during the application process

Exploring work while applying for SSI/SSDI:

- **Earn up to $1,310/month (2021)**
- **Can help strengthen the application**
- **SSA may request that applicant submit SSA-821 Work Activity Report when there is evidence of work activity after alleged onset date**
- **Information from employers is helpful in documenting accommodations that are provided or limitations in functioning**

Gross Earnings From Work:	$**1,671**
General Exclusion:	($20)
Earned Income Exclusion:	($65)
	= $1,586
$1 Counted for Every $2 Earned:	$1,586/2
Countable Income:	= $793
Maximum SSI check – Countable Income:	$794-793
Amount of SSI Check:	$1
Total Income:	**$1,672**

Calculations use the 2021 Federal Benefit Rate for SSI of $794/month

$1,672 > $794

After you are approved

- **SSA's Ticket to Work**
  - **https://choosework.ssa.gov**
- **Employment and Job Training Programs**
  - **Individual Placement and Support (IPS)**
  - **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Employment is possible!

- **Track and report all earnings to SSA**
- **Don't risk overpayment**
- **When in doubt, talk to your local SSA field office**
- **Use your resources!**

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