

Social Security Administration
Supplemental Security Income
Important Information

Office Address:

Office Hours:

Telephone Number:

Date:

Social Security Number:

On _____, we talked with _____ about your eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Based on that talk, you are not eligible for SSI.

Why You Are Not Eligible

We believe you are not eligible for SSI for the reason(s) checked below.

- You are not age 65 and are not blind or disabled.
- You are not a U.S. citizen, or national, or an eligible alien.
- You (or you and your spouse) have monthly income of about \$ _____. This is too high for SSI payments in your State. (See the enclosure for important information.)
- You (or you and your spouse) own resources worth about \$ _____. This is more than the SSI limit of \$ _____. (See the enclosure for important information.)
- _____ told us that you do not want to file a claim for SSI.
- _____

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Why You May Want To File A Claim

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You may want to file a claim for SSI if:

- ÷ you want a formal decision about your eligibility, or
- ÷ you disagree with our informal decision, or
- ÷ you want to give us more information about your case.

If you decide to file, you should do so right away. The sooner we get your signed application, the sooner we can decide if you are eligible. If we decide you are eligible, you could lose benefits if we receive your signed application after _____.

Things to Remember

This informal decision is only about your eligibility for SSI. This decision is not about eligibility for Social Security benefits or Medicare.

If You Have Any Questions

If you have any questions, you may call, write, or visit any Social Security office. If you call or visit our office, please have this letter with you and ask for _____. The telephone number and address are shown at the top of this letter.

Manager

Enclosure

INFORMATION THAT MAY HELP YOU GET SSI

You may be eligible for SSI if one or more of the following situations apply to you. If you think any apply, contact your local Social Security office as soon as possible to file an application for SSI.

You Can Set Up A Plan For Achieving Self-Support (PASS)

A PASS can help you reach a work goal. It lets you set aside money and/or things you own to pay for things you need to reach the goal. For example, you could set aside money to start a business, go to school or get training for a job.

Any person who receives SSI because of a disability or blindness may have a PASS. In addition, a person who has a disability or is blind and does not receive SSI because his or her income or resources are too high may use an approved plan to become eligible for SSI.

Money that is saved under a PASS will not count against your resource limit of \$2,000 (\$3,000 for a couple) while the plan is in effect.

You can write a plan or we can help you find someone to write one. But we must approve the plan before you can use it.

You Can Set Up A Burial Fund

You (and your spouse) can set aside up to \$1,500 each to pay for burial expenses. In most cases this money will not count as a resource for SSI.

If you (and your spouse) own life insurance policies or have other burial arrangements in addition to your \$1,500 burial funds, some of the money in the burial fund may count toward the resource limit of \$2,000 for an individual or \$3,000 for a couple.

Interest earned on your burial fund that is left in the fund does not count as a resource for SSI.

You May Get SSI While Trying to Sell Excess Resources

You may be able to receive SSI for some months if you:

- Sign an agreement which allows you to receive SSI while you are trying to sell the property that causes your resources to be over the limit, and

- You agree to repay any SSI you receive while trying to sell the property.

If Your Income or Resources Change

You may become eligible for SSI if your income or resources change. Contact us again if this happens.