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What is SSI?

- SSI is a program that provides cash assistance for disabled persons who meet certain financial conditions
- Unlike SSDI, SSI is not based on work history
- Provides up to \$783/month for an individual.
- An individual who receives SSI does not automatically qualify for Medicaid in OK.

How to Apply

- In Person at a local Social Security Office
- By Mail – Pick up application at Social Security Office or print from online.
- By Phone – Call 1-800-772-1213
- Online – Only if you are applying as a disabled adult
- ***Non-Citizens are eligible, but must meet certain additional conditions***

Ineligible if:

- Have an outstanding warrant for your arrest
- You are in jail
- You leave the country for more than 30 days

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Eligibility – Disability under 65

- Disability must completely impair your ability to work and must be expected to last longer than 1 year.
- Must demonstrate that your disability makes it impossible for you to work (you will need to work with your doctor on the application).
- Short-term or partial disability does not qualify.
- “Child”
 - No minimum age
 - May count income and assets of parents
 - Will need to re-apply at age 18
 - College students are included until age 22

Eligibility – Over 65

- If you are over 65 and meet the income and asset requirements, you qualify.
- You are not required to have a disability if you are over age 65.

Eligibility – Financial Need

- Limits placed on both income and assets.
- Single = \$750/month and less than \$2,000 in assets
- Married = \$1,200/month and less than \$3,000 in assets
- Income and assets that count toward the limit:
 - Income from a job, unemployment or retirement benefits
 - Income from a spouse, parent, or sponsor
 - Money in checking or savings accounts
- Income that does not count:
 - SNAP Benefits
 - Grants or scholarships or loans (like student loans)
 - Tribal assistance
 - Your home + 1 car
 - Some income from a job

Information to Apply

- Date & Place of Birth
 - SSN
 - Same info for current and former spouses
 - Detailed information about your medical condition
 - More information is better! Have your doctor help!
 - Information about your job, if you work
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