



Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)

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FACT SHEET # 6

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

WHAT IS SSI?

SSI is a monthly financial benefit from the Social Security Administration to people with limited income and resources who are age 65 or older, blind or disabled. Blind or disabled children, as well as adults, can get SSI.

In most states, SSI determination is required for Medicaid eligibility of children with disabilities.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Eligibility requirements:

- ❖ Financial Determination
 - Parental income is deemed, counted then prorated among the family members.
 - Exclusions
 - Income includes Earned and Unearned Income
 - Parental Resources are counted.
- ❖ Disability Determination
 - Specific requirements:
 - marked and severe functional limitations as defined by the Social Security Administration, that
 - have lasted or are supposed to last for a continuous period of 12 months or longer.
 - The decision
 - is made by a State Agency, Disability Determination Service
 - by a team composed of a disability examiner and a medical or psychological consultant

WHAT DOES THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NEED?

Social Security Card for all children;

Proof of Age-Birth Certificate for all children;

Citizenship-Birth Certificate;

Proof of Income-3 months LES:

 Earned-wages and special pays

 Unearned Income-BAH/quarters and BAS;

Proof of Resources:

 Bank statements

 Deed or tax appraisal

 Insurance Policies

 Certificates of Deposit, Stocks and Bonds;

Proof of Living Arrangements:

 Deed, tax bill or Lease receipt

 Medical Assistance Cards

 Information about household costs, utilities;

Medical Sources of Information:

 Medical Reports stating disability

 Names, addresses and telephone numbers of doctors and other
 medical service providers;

Names and Documentation on how disability affects the day-to-day activities.

HOW TO APPLY?

- ❖ Go to local Social Security Office, preferably in the middle of month for faster service
- ❖ Call the SSA office at 1-800-772-1213
- ❖ While stationed overseas and you think your child may be eligible for SSI you can apply by contacting the Federal Benefits Unit at the following Embassies or Consulates:

Germany Federal Benefits Unit
American Consulate General
Giessener Str. 30
60435 Frankfurt, Germany
Phone: 49-69-7535-2496
Fax: 49-69-749-352

England Federal Benefits Unit
American Embassy
24/31 Grosvenor Square
W1AW 2LQ London, England
Phone: 44-207-499-9000
Fax: 44-207-495-7200

Japan American Embassy
Federal Benefits Unit
1-10-5 Akasaka
Minato-ku, Tokyo
107-8420 Japan
Phone: 81-3-3224-5000
Fax: 81-3-3505-1862

Korea Social Security Division
Veterans Affairs
Regional Office
American Embassy
1131 Roxas Boulevard
0930 Manila, Philippines
Phone: 63-522-4716 or 63-2-526-5936
Fax: 632-522-1514

THINGS TO REMEMBER!

- It can take up to 180 days for approval
- Payments are retroactive to the date of application. Your initial contact may be considered the date of contact
- 1 of every 5 applications are denied-APPEAL
- When talking about the disability discuss the worst days, not the best
- It is necessary to complete both disability and financial determinations when assessing eligibility; this is because SSI eligibility determination may be used in other programs within your State.
- Establishing the disability eligibility will enable their child to receive SSI when their child turns 18 and parent’s income is no longer considered or if their economic situation changes.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR MILITARY FAMILIES OCONUS.

Continuation of SSI benefits for families who PCS CONUS to OCONUS who meet the following criteria:

- ❖ was eligible to receive SSI in the month before parent reported for duty overseas payments will continue from the state you last were eligible
- ❖ Report information regarding:
 - moves of the child
 - People move into or out of the home
 - Changes of financial status
 - Leave the Armed Forces and remain overseas.

*Tip-Appeals to decisions are common and a right for your child

For more information you can go to the SSI Web page at:

<http://www.ssa.gov/notices/supplemental-security-income/text-understanding-ssi.htm#other>

“Working Together With Military Families Of Children With Disabilities!”



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