

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

EASY-TO-READ BOOKLET DESCRIBING EVERYTHING ABOUT SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11000.pdf>

OFFICIAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) WEBSITE

<https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityssi/ssi.html>

ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

To be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a person must satisfy the following:

- be 65 +, blind or disabled
- have limited income and resources. Individuals must have less than \$2,000 and married couples must have less than \$3,000 in resources (some resources - like a house and car - are exempt).

WHERE TO APPLY

- Social Security offices are closed because of COVID. Visit <https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus> for a summary of how COVID is affecting Social Security transactions.
- You will need to complete your application online.
<https://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/>
You will be contacted if more documentation or information is needed.
- If you need help filling this out, call your local office, although it is not open to clients. Go to <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/ic001.action#cardCenterNotice-Desktop> to find the phone number and address of your local Social Security office. Put in your zip code, then click “Locate,” and then click “I Need Other Services.” The phone number of your local office will appear.
Or
Call **800-772-1213**. Representatives there can make an appointment for the application to be taken over the telephone or at any convenient Social Security office.

DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY

You should have certain items available when you apply. Even if you don't have all of the things listed below, apply anyway. The staff in the Social Security office can help you get whatever is needed. Since the offices are closed, someone on the phone will advise you as to what to do.

- Your Social Security card or a record of your Social Security number
- Your birth certificate or other proof of your age
- Information about the home where you live, such as your mortgage or your lease and landlord's name
- Payroll slips, bank books, insurance policies, burial fund records, and other information about your income and the things you own
- The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of doctors, hospitals, and clinics that you have been to, if you are applying for SSI because you are disabled or blind
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen status; and
- Your checkbook or other papers that show your bank, credit union, or savings and loan account number.

AMOUNT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) GRANT

- It decreases based on the applicant's sources of income
- Different maximum grant amounts depend on the person's living situation, whether he/she lives alone, with others, or in the household of others.

The following website has a detailed chart of the maximum SSI amounts in NY State:

<https://otda.ny.gov/programs/ssp/2022-Maximum-Monthly-Benefit-Amounts.pdf>

In general, NYS adds a supplement to the Federal SSI amount each month. For example, if a person has no other income, and lives alone, they get a total of \$928 in NYS. \$841 of that is Federal money, NYS adds \$87.