

INCOME

SSI-RELATED DISREGARDS

When the assistantship is considered employment, the A/R receives any appropriate earned income disregards (See **INCOME SSI-RELATED DISREGARDS**), but additional deductions for educational expenses are not allowed.

NOTE: This does not apply to V.A. Educational Grants which are part of the G.I. Bill and which provide a monthly allowance for support while veterans are enrolled in school. Only specific education-related expenses such as tuition, books, school fees, transportation, etc., are exempt for recipients of G.I. Bill educational money. The remainder is considered available unearned income in determining eligibility for Medicaid.

School Meals - The value of free school meals.

Student Loans - Student loans received by a graduate or undergraduate student.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) - Any SSI payments received by the A/R.

THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PAYMENTS - Insurance payments paid directly to a third party such as a loan company or a bank to cover loan or installment payments in case of death or disability (example: mortgage insurance).

TITLE III, FEDERAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT - Any loan made to a family under Title III of the Federal Economic Opportunity Act.

UNEARNED INCOME - Only one \$20 disregard is permitted per month per couple. A certified blind or a certified disabled child living with parents is entitled to a separate \$20 disregard from his/her total unearned income. If an A/R's unearned income is under \$20, the balance will be deducted from earned income.

U.S. CENSUS - Earnings from census employment.