

## Plan for Achieving Self-Support

**Quick Look:** The Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) is an incentive designed to help SSI recipients work. It allows people with disabilities to set aside resources and/or various kinds of income for a specified period to use toward a work goal or to start a business.

If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you may be able to create a Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) to cover the costs of:

- obtaining an education.
- receiving vocational training.
- starting a business.
- getting support services that may help you to work and eventually depend less on SSI.

Examples of things allowed in a PASS are vocational evaluation, some transportation-related expenses, job-related equipment and uniforms, things needed to purchase a business, or other equipment or services to support work activities. You should:

- have a feasible work goal.
- have a specific savings/spending plan for work-related items or services and specify how those items or services are related to employment.
- have a clearly identifiable accounting of the funds set aside in the PASS.
- follow the PASS plan as agreed upon with SSA.

Once you have written the PASS, a representative in the SSA office will ensure it has been completed properly or request additional information. When the PASS is completed, it will be sent to a regional PASS specialist in the SSA who will review the PASS and make a final decision on the plan.

Several special rules and requirements apply to PASS plans. A Community Work Incentives Coordinator can provide information on how to meet these requirements and help you monitor your progress toward your work goal.

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