SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ENROLLMENT

If newcomers or members of the family are aged, blind, and/or disabled, there are services that may help support them. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people who have limited income and resources. It provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Your group can help newcomer's apply online.

Who is eligible?

Any newcomer who is aged (age 65 or older); blind; or disabled and, who has limited income and limited resources.

Information Needed to Apply Online

- Name of newcomer's birth country at the time of their birth (it may have a different name now).
- Permanent Resident Card number (if available).
- Marriage and Divorce: Name of current spouse and prior spouse (if the marriage lasted more than 10 years or ended in death). Spouse(s) date of birth and SSN (optional). Beginning and ending dates of marriage(s). Place of marriage(s) (city, state or country, if married outside the U.S.).
- Names and Birth Dates of Children who became disabled prior to age 22 or are under age 18 and are unmarried or are aged 18 to 19 and still attending secondary school full time.
- Employer Details (if applicable): Employer name. Employment start and end dates. Total earnings (wages, tips, etc.)
- Direct Deposit Domestic bank (USA): Account type and number. Bank routing number.
- Name, address and phone number of someone SSI can contact who knows about newcomer's medical condition(s) and can help with the claim.
- List of newcomer's medical conditions.
- Information about Doctors, Healthcare Professionals, Hospitals and Clinics: Names, addresses, phone numbers, patient ID numbers, and dates of examinations and treatments. Names and dates of medical tests. Names of medications (prescriptions and non-prescriptions), reason for medication and who prescribed them.
- Information about other medical records that may be available from vocational rehabilitation services, workers compensation, public welfare, prison or jail, an attorney or lawyer, or another place.
- Job History: Date medical condition began to affect newcomer's ability to work. Type of jobs, dates, and duties (up to 5) that newcomers had before becoming unable to work because of medical condition.
- Education and Training: Highest grade in school completed and date completed it. Name of special job training, trade school or vocational school and date completed. Special education school name, city and state, and date completed.

Applying Online

Once this information has been collected, you can assist eligible newcomers in applying online for SSI benefits at the Social Security website: https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/

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