

Appendix E: Family Income Inclusions and Exclusions

Included in Family Income

- Gross wages, salaries, and vacation pay actually received, including OJT wages;
- Self-Employment Income;
- Federal, State, local or private unemployment benefits including Unemployment Compensation;
- Old-Age and Survivors Insurance payments received under section 202 of the Social Security Act (Previously referred to as Retirement and Survivors Benefits under Title II, Social Security Act);
- Profit sharing payments made by an employer at the time they are paid to the employee;
- Social Security Title II – Disability Insurance Payments;
- Payments from Railroad Retirement;
- Payments from strike benefits from union funds;
- Payments from Workers' Compensation;
- Training stipends, college or university scholarships, grants, fellowships and assistantships other than those covered by Title IV of the Higher Education Act;
- Payments received from participation in a work study program other than those covered by Title IV of the Higher Education Act;
- Pay or allowances previously received while serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces;
- Payments received for participation in the National Guard or Reserve activities;
- Armed Forces retirement payments (other than compensation for disability or death per Title 38, USC, Chapter 11);
- Military family allotments;
- Regular cash payments from an individual not included in family size;
- Alimony;
- Child support payments (court ordered);
- Private pensions;
- Governmental retirement payments;
- Income from insurance policy annuities;
- Severance Pay;
- Interest and dividends at the time earned and accessible;
- Rent income minus operating expenses for the rental property;
- Net royalties;
- Periodic receipts from estates or trusts;
- Regular disability payments;
- Net gambling or lottery winnings;
- Other periodic income.

Not Included in Family Income

- Public assistance payments (i.e. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Supplemental Security Income

- (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), free and reduced lunch, Medicare, Medicaid, or housing assistance;
- Capital gains and losses;
 - Any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car;
 - Tax refunds;
 - Gifts and awards;
 - Loans;
 - Lump-sum inheritances;
 - One-time disability and death insurance payments or compensation for injury;
 - Accident, health, and casualty insurance proceeds;
 - Employer-paid or union-paid portion of health insurance or other employee fringe benefits;
 - Food or housing received in lieu of wages;
 - Value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms;
 - Imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing;
 - One-time and limited unearned income;
 - Payments received under the Trade Act of 1974;
 - Subsidized adoption payments;
 - Payments received on behalf of foster children;
 - Other than OJT wages, payments made to participants while enrolled in employment and training programs, including Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) wages;
 - Travel expense reimbursement;
 - Financial assistance for education covered by Title IV of the Higher Education Act from such sources as Pell Grants, Iowa Technical Grants (ITG), and Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG), as well as other state and local grants and scholarships;
 - Educational assistance and compensation to veterans and other eligible persons under the following chapters of Title 38 of the U.S. Code:
 - Chapter 11: Compensation for Service Connected Disability or Death
 - Chapter 13: Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Service Connected Deaths
 - Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill
 - Chapter 31: Training and Rehabilitation for Veterans with Service Connected Disabilities
 - Chapter 32: Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance
 - Chapter 34: Veterans Educational Assistance
 - Chapter 35: Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance
 - Chapter 36: Administration of Educational Benefits
 - Veterans Assistance (VA) Disability.

Legal References

- [TEGL 19-16](#), [21-16](#)