SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

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SENIOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



Who We Serve:

Senior citizens looking for employment

Where We Serve:

Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fulton, Howard, Jasper, LaPorte, Miami, Montgomery, Pulaski, Porter, Starke, Tippecanoe, Tipton, and White Counties

How We Serve:

Running a community service and work-based job training program

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a national employment and training program funded in part by the U.S. Department of Labor. It enables low-income seniors to earn wages and learn job skills through work at local nonprofit and public facilities like schools, hospitals, and daycare centers. The training they receive helps prepare them for unsubsidized employment opportunities.

Goodwill® proudly participates in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), a national employment and training program funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. A \$22,938,400 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor provided 90 percent of the funding for Goodwill's SCSEP programs in the program year 2021. Goodwills provided the remaining 10 percent through in-kind contributions worth \$2,548,711.

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1. Eligibility for SCSEP

55 or older

Currently unemployed

Income is 125% poverty level or below

Needs training in order to gain employment

- 2. Income calculation to determine eligibility: see accompanying sheets
- 3. Paid hands on training using non-profit 501-C-3 agencies and government agencies (soft skills included). Digital Skills training.



INCOME WORKSHEET

The Family Size Statement is used to determine the countable income for eligibility.

TEGL 12-06 and the attachments are the guide to use when determining how to count income.

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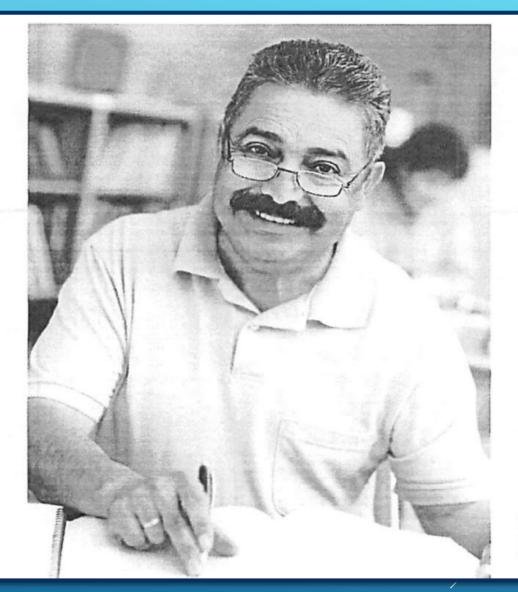
COUNTABLE INCOME

Self and family income source	
Wages	From work
Self-employment	
Benefit amount 75% of Social Security	Social Security Retirement
Survivor benefits	25% excluded
Pension/retirement	Count all pension funds or IRA/retirement accounts.
Interest/Dividends	Any that received in the 6/12 months
Rental/royalties/trust	This would not include a special needs trust.
Education assistance	Includes any additional money received for school like loans.
Alimony	This also would need to be received during that look back period.
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REGARDING ALIMONY (NEW)

- If a participant is paying court-ordered alimony to a former spouse, it is excluded from their income.
- If a participant is receiving court-ordered alimony from a former spouse, it is included in their income.





OTHER INCOME THAT IS INCLUDED

- Financial assistance from outside of the household (excludes gifts or sporadic assistance)
- Commissions
- Tips
- Piece-rate payments
- Bonus-cash
 - All gross income is counted before taxes, bonds, pensions, and union dues.
- Net income from self employment
- · Piece-rate payments
- Bonus-cash



CONSIDERATION REGARDING COUNTABLE INCOME

- Income is always counted as gross amount before taxes and other deductions.
- Any SSA benefits besides disability (SSDI & SSI) is 25% excludable.
- Educational loans are excluded but PELL grants and other government educational assistance is counted as income. (unless it is received as a veteran)
- Early withdrawals from IRA/retirement accounts.-Excluded if 59 ½ or younger.
- Regular distribution would be counted as income.



EXCLUSIONS

SSI/SSDI	A benefit received from Social Security that is specifically for disability of the applicant. Income received from SCSEP training may impact benefits.
AFDC/TANF	It would be very rare for one of our participants.
General Assistance	This refers to public assistance benefits that are sometimes available through the state's welfare system.
Food Stamps	This refers to SNAP or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Housing Assist.	This refers to section 8 housing of public assistance housing or project housing.
Disability	Long or short term disability usually received because the disability was acquired while the individual had this coverage but not related to SSA.
Worker's Comp	Worker's Compensation benefits are paid by a former employer.
25% of Social Security	This includes any of the Title II benefits like retirement or survivors benefits
Veteran's payments (from V.A. not Dept. of Defense)	This includes service-connected and non-service connected disability. Non service connected benefits may be impacted by SCSEP income. This would also include spousal benefits received by a spouse related to service connected death.
Unemployment	



OTHER INCOME THAT IS EXCLUDED

- Income from other employment and training programs
- All forms of child support
- The first \$2,000 of certain per capita fund distributions made to Native Americans.
- Stipends from program like National and Community Service-Senior Corp.
- Capital gains from sale of property which includes sale of property, stocks, bonds, a car (unless it is a business and the person is self-employed.
- Withdrawals of bank deposits
- Borrowed money
- Tax refunds
- Gifts
- · Lump-sum inheritances, insurance payments, gambling and lottery earnings



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