



## Student Training and Employment Program Overview



Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) offers students with disabilities job preparation training, paid work experiences, and career exploration opportunities. By leveraging partnerships across various organizations, STEP helps students develop the skills and resources needed to successfully transition into the workforce or pursue postsecondary education.



### Services for Students

- ▶ Career exploration
- ▶ Workplace readiness skills training
- ▶ Paid work-based learning



### Additional Benefits and Services

- ▶ Job counseling
- ▶ Soft skill development
- ▶ Post-secondary enrollment counseling
- ▶ Self-advocacy and setting personal goals training



### Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Age 16-21
- ▶ Eligible for and/or receiving special education or related services under Individuals with Disabilities Act

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# Information on Student Earned Income Exclusion, Student Gainful Activity, and Earned Income Tax Credit



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## Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)

If your student receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), they can earn up to:

- ▶ \$1,620/month (for most disabilities) or
- ▶ \$2,700/month (for those who are legally blind)

Earning below these limits in 2025 will not impact SSDI benefits, creating opportunities for your student to work and enroll in STEP to gain valuable job experience!

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## Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

If your student with disabilities is regularly attending school, college, or vocational training, they can earn up to \$2,350/month (up to \$9,460/year) without reducing their SSI benefits through SEIE. These limits allow students with disabilities to gain work experience while still receiving their SSI benefits.

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## Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

If your student with a disability is working but earning wages below the SGA threshold (\$1,620/month in 2025 or \$2,700/month), their tax benefits generally remain unaffected due to the EITC.

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\*Please note that **SGA, SEIE, and EITC** thresholds update annually. Data on this resource reflects what was publicly available in January 2025.

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