



Apply online for SSI (for your adult child)

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Under “Steps to Apply Online”

Step 1: Review the Adult Disability Checklist – click here if you wish to print out documents that will help you prepare for the online application

Step 2: Fill out the Disability Benefit Application – skip this step until the month of your child’s 18th birthday

Step 3: Click on Fill out the Adult Disability Report – you may begin this step at any point after 17 years and 6 months of age

Note: You can stop any time during Step 3 and return at a later time to continue working on this report. You will receive a “re-entry” number when you exit. When returning to the report, follow the same steps above, but choose To continue working on the report.. You will need the individual’s social security number and re-entry number each time you return to this report.

Do not begin the report any sooner than 6 months before your child’s 18th birthday, and do not submit the report until the 1st day of their birthday month. Once the online application is complete, you will need to print out the “Release of Information” and complete as many copies as you are instructed. When you deliver the releases to your nearest SSA office, it will be helpful to submit the following documents if you have them:

- Copy of any psychological evaluations
- Copy of most recent IEP (Present Level of Performance)
- Copy of a letter you will receive from the Katie Beckett program informing you of potential SSI eligibility
- Copy of guardianship papers if you have them. If not, complete a Rep-Payee form:
 - SSA-1696 (Appointment of Representative)
<http://www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-1696.pdf>

Helpful Hint:

If you are able to do so, set up a checking account in your child’s name, with your name listed as the rep payee. Pay yourself \$250.00 each month, starting with the child’s 18th birthday, so that you can report that your child is paying their “fair share” during the interview. This will set the SSI payment rate at a higher level and make your child eligible for SSI-E.

Please call the Southeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare needs if you need additional information: 414-266-6333

