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Answer

No. At one time, SSA did pay benefits to eligible college students, but the law changed in 1981. We now pay benefits only to students taking courses at grade 12 or below.

Normally, benefits stop when a child reaches age 18 unless he or she is disabled. However, if the child is still a full-time student at a secondary (or elementary) school at age 18, benefits generally can continue until he or she graduates or until two months after he or she reaches age 19, whichever is first.