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**E. STUDENT  
CHILD**

A student child is someone who is under age 21 and regularly attends school of college or training designed to prepare him/her for a paying job.

**1. Student  
Requirements**

Regular attendance means the individual takes one or more courses of study and attends classes:

- In a college or university for a least 8 hours a week under a semester or quarter system; or
- In grades 7-12 for at least 12 hours a week; or
- In a course of training to prepare him/her for a paying job for at least 15 hours a week if the course involves shop practice or 12 hours a week if it does not involve shop practice. This kind of training includes anti-poverty programs, such as the Job Corps and government-supported course in self-improvement; or
- For less than the time indicated above for reasons beyond the student's control, such as illness, if the circumstances justify the reduced credit load or attendance. **EXAMPLE:** School Attendance Less Than Required Hours

A paraplegic is forced to limit vocational school attendance to one day a week due to the unavailability of transportation. Although the student is enrolled for attendance of less than 12 hours a week, he qualifies as regularly attending school because lack of transportation is a circumstance beyond his control.

- Student status is also granted to homebound students who have to stay home due to a disability. Student status is granted if the child studies courses given by a school (grades 7-12), college, university or government agency and a home visitor or tutor directs the study or training.

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2.     **Vacation**                     A child remains a student when classes are out if he/she attends classes regularly prior to school vacation and intends to return when school reopens.
3.     **Evidence of School Attendance**             Develop school attendance whenever an applicant/recipient between ages 18-21 alleges being a student. This individual may meet the definition of a child if he/she qualifies as a student. No development is necessary for a child under age 18 who does not expect to earn over \$65 in any month.

Obtain the following information:

- Name and address of the school or institution furnishing the training;
- Name of the person to contact for verification, if necessary; and
- Information on the course or courses of study, dates of enrollment, number of hours of attendance, other activities of the child.
- Verify enrollment by examining a student record such as an ID card, tuition receipt or contact with the school.