

Want to keep more of your money?

Use a Blind Work Expense (BWE)!
Available to legally blind persons receiving supplemental security income (SSI)



IRWEs are expenses incurred by recipients that meet all of these requirements:

- 1 Expenses are paid by the worker and not reimbursed by others.
- 2 Expenses are paid during a month the person works.
- 3 Expenses are considered reasonable by Social Security.
- 4 Expenses are related to work, but do not need to be related to the impairment (disability). BWEs can include such items as withheld taxes and even a “lunchtime” meal.

When an expense is submitted to Social Security and approved as an BWE, it is deducted from what Social Security counts as your income according to their formula. You will receive a larger SSI cash benefit for every dollar of your approved BWE, up to the maximum monthly SSI benefit (\$783 in 2020).

Contact your WIPA program for assistance. If viewing online, [click here for more information including examples of BWEs.](#)

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