

04 Student Criteria for CA

An 18 year old who meets the full-time student criteria and the Date of Graduation requirement is considered a dependent child. The student and their specified relative are potentially eligible for CA.

A dependent child who receives SSI and is a student, allows the specified relative to retain CA until the child reaches the age of 19.

The following policies apply to dependent child participants who are 18:

- [Full-time Students](#)
- [Date of Graduation](#)
- [Student Earned Income - CA](#)
- [Verifying Student Status](#)

A Full-time Students

An 18 year old is considered a dependent child for CA when they meet both of the following criteria:

- They are a full-time student.
- They are expected to complete their course of study before or during the month they turn 19. (See [Date of Graduation](#))

To be considered a full-time student they must be attending either high school, or the equivalent level of a trade or technical school. Consider the following:

- Full-time high school attendance is defined by the school the student is attending.
- Full-time trade or technical school attendance is defined as either of the following:
 - 30 hours per week including shop practice
 - 25 hours per week without shop practice

A dependent child who is otherwise eligible may attend school or participate in JOB Corps out of state and remain eligible as follows:

- For CA, the specified relative with whom the child lived in Arizona, must retain Arizona residency.

B Date of Graduation

The 18 year old student's CA eligibility ends the first day of the month following the month student status ends.

Key the date of the completion of the course of study in the GRAD DATE field on SSDO. This date is defined as the date of the last scheduled class. Do not key the date of the graduation ceremony. The student is considered enrolled and attending full time during vacations and semester breaks when the student meets the following criteria:

- Intends to return to school full time following the end of summer vacation or a semester break
- Has not graduated or dropped out of school
- Has not been suspended or expelled

C Student Earned Income for CA

Do not count any earned income of a dependent child who meets the [CA Student Criteria](#). (See [EAIN-Dependent Child](#))

D Student Status Verification

Verify the following student eligibility criteria:

- The date of birth of the 18 year old (See [Date of Birth Verification](#))
- [Full-time Student status](#) as defined by the school
- [Date of Completion](#) of the course of study

Sources of verification for full-time status and date of completion include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Collateral contact with the school
- Verification of School Attendance form (FAA-0075A)
- Participant's statement, when documented or collateral contact verification is not available (See [Verification process](#))