

- Be enrolled in public or private school. School enrollment includes head start, Montessori school, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten through grade 12, college unless age 18, and approved homeschooling.
- Be enrolled in public Kindergarten through 12th grade, private Kindergarten through 12th grade that has been approved by the Board of Education, or a WV Public Prekindergarten that could be housed in a child care or Head Start center.
- Homeschooling must be approved by the county Board of Education.

An individual who is included in the assistance group (AG) as a caretaker relative is not eligible for SCA, even when he meets the age and enrollment requirements.

Minimum age requirement is met for head start, Montessori school or pre-kindergarten when the child will be age 4 by July 1 of the program year. Age requirement is met when the child will be age 5 by July 1 of the current program year for kindergarten.

Minimum age requirement is met for WV Public Prekindergarten when the child will be age 4 by July 1 of the program year. Kindergarten age requirement is met when the child will be age 5 by July 1 of the current program year.

Maximum age requirement is met when the child is not yet age 19 on July 1 of the current program year.

The following activities are not considered school enrollment:

- Nursery School
- Correspondence or internet courses

School enrollment for children ages five through 17 is presumed by the eligibility system. Children who have attained the age of five by July 1 of the current program year are assumed to be enrolled in kindergarten. West Virginia State law also permits four-year-olds who will attain the age of four by July 1 of the current program year to enroll. The statement of a parent or other specified relative is sufficient and no other verification is required to document enrollment.

NOTE: A five-year-old not enrolled in kindergarten is not eligible for the SCA just because the eligibility system presumes enrollment. Since so many five-year-olds are enrolled, the choice was to include five-year-olds and make those not enrolled the exceptions. The eligibility system should indicate if the five-year-old is not enrolled.
