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older but under age 22, because we will not consider you to be a child unless we consider you to be a student.

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(1) Show us any paper you have that shows you are a student in a school, college, or training program, such as a student identification card or tuition receipt; and
(2) Tell us—
(i) What courses you are taking;
(ii) How many hours a week you spend in classes;
(iii) The name and address of the school or college you attend or the agency training you; and
(iv) The name and telephone number of someone at the school, college, or agency who can tell us more about your courses, in case we need information you cannot give us.

§ 416.1866 Deciding whether you are a child: Are you the head of a household?

(a) Meaning of head of household. You are the head of a household if you have left your parental home on a permanent basis and you are responsible for the day-to-day decisions on the operation of your own household. If you live with your parent(s) or stepparents, we will ordinarily assume you are not the head of a household. However, we will consider you to be the head of a household if for some reason (such as your parent’s illness) you are the one who makes the day-to-day decisions. You need not have someone living with you to be the head of a household.

(b) If you share decision-making equally. If you live with one or more people and everyone has an equal voice in the decision-making (for example, a group of students who share off-campus housing), that group is not a household. Each person who has left the parental home on a permanent basis is the head of his or her own household.

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