How It Helps You:

A PASS can be developed to cover the costs of:

- Obtaining an education,
- Receiving vocational training,
- Starting a business,
- Getting support services which may help you work, and
- Eventually depend less on SSI.

Examples of things allowed in a PASS are: vocational evaluation, some transportation-related expenses, job-related equipment and uniforms, things needed to purchase a business, or other equipment or services to support work activities.

How It Works:

A special form (SSA 545) is available at the Social Security Office to develop a PASS. Community Work Incentives Coordinator may be available to support you in writing the PASS as well as a Work Incentive Liaison at the Social Security Office. In considering what items or services will qualify for a PASS, the individual applying for the PASS must:

- Have a feasible work goal,
- Have a specific savings/spending plan for work-related items or services and how it is related to employment,
- Have a clearly identifiable accounting of the funds set aside in the PASS,
- Follow the PASS plan as agreed with the Social Security Administration.

Once you have written the PASS, a representative in the Social Security Office will ensure it has been completed properly, or request additional information. When the PASS is completed, it will be sent to a regional PASS Specialist in the Social Security Administration who will review the PASS and make a final decision on the plan.

Several special rules and requirements apply to PASS Plans. A Community Work Incentives Coordinator can provide information on how to meet these requirements, and help you monitor your progress toward your work goal.