

Bend Social Security Office

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Hours: M,T, TH, F 9-4:00, W 9-12:00



Application process for Social Security Disability Benefits

Call to apply for Social Security, request in-office or telephone appointment. If possible, We have found in-office appointments to be more effective for better communicating your situation to the Social Security interviewer. We do not recommend applying online.

1. Application interview- you may apply for both SSI (lack of recent work/earnings history/ low assets) and SSDI (recent work/earnings history). If you do not have enough current work history you may be automatically denied for SSDI, but you can still have apply for SSI (if you are financially eligible). The disability criteria for SSI and SSDI are identical.
2. SSA may mail you paperwork (Function Report, 3rd Party Function Report, and Work History Report)- complete and return them with the self-addressed stamped envelope. Come to see us at Thrive if you would like help with the paperwork.
3. SSA may require an appointment with their doctors. It is VERY important to respond to their request and to attend the scheduled appointment.
4. You should receive a decision within 4-6 months from your application date.
5. If denied (Initial Denial), you must appeal within 60 days (Request for Reconsideration) to keep your case alive. You may ask an attorney to take your case at this stage or any other stage. Please note that attorneys are only paid IF they win your case and there are no consultation fees.
6. At the Reconsideration level, 90% of initial denials are re-denied by SSA.
7. If denied again (Reconsideration Denial), you must appeal within 60 days (Request for Hearing). You may ask an attorney to take your case at this stage or any other stage.
8. Hearings are scheduled approximately 18-24 months after requested.

If you would like to speak to a local attorney that we have found helpful:

Ari Halpern

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