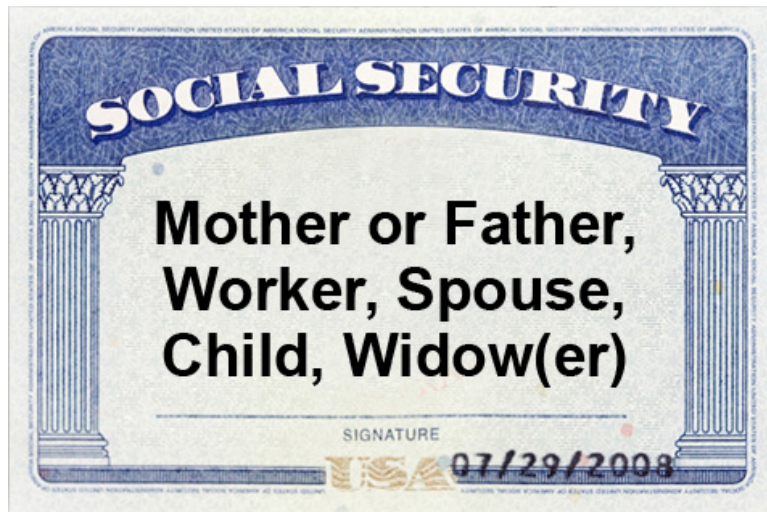

Who Receives Social Security Benefits?

Social Security, also known by its acronym OASDI, or “Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance”, pays benefits to many individuals.



Who Receives Benefits?

- **Worker’s benefit:** A monthly income for a retired or disabled worker.
- **Spouse’s benefit:** Monthly income for the spouse or former spouse of a retired or disabled worker.
- **Widow(er)’s benefit:** Monthly retirement income for the surviving spouse or former spouse of a deceased worker.
- **Child’s benefit:** Monthly income for the dependent child of a deceased, disabled or retired worker. To receive benefits, the child must be under age 18, over age 18 and attending elementary or high school full-time, or over age 18 and disabled before age 22.
- **Mother’s or father’s benefit:** Monthly income paid to a surviving spouse who is caring for a worker’s dependent child who is under age 16 or disabled before age 22. If under age 62, the spouse of a retired worker receives the same benefit.
- **Parent’s benefit:** Monthly income paid to the surviving dependent parent or parents of a deceased worker.