



Federal Work – Study Program

- Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. The program encourages community service work and work related to your field of study. To receive funds, you will need to be awarded work study funds and secure a job.
- Eligible students can work on-campus or off-campus at a non-profit, non-partisan organization as long as the work is in the public interest. Eligibility is limited to students who complete their application by the priority filing deadline and demonstrate sufficient financial need.
 - Some examples include of eligible work-study include: working for a department on-campus, e.g. the financial aid department; a judicial internship; work with a public defender’s or district attorney’s office. (A student cannot receive work-study funds and academic credits simultaneously.) These are only some eligible work-study opportunities, however there are many more.
- The number of awards made each year is dependent upon the availability of funds. Priority is given to returning students. Returning students interested in this program should indicate their interest by answering “yes” to question 31 on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Funding is subject to congressional allocation and may vary from award year to award year.
- As part of your financial aid package, Federal Work – Study funding is earned and not awarded as payment towards tuition and fees. Students are paid bi-weekly.
- Federal Work – Study funding must be packaged as part of your financial aid eligibility. By accepting work-study funding, this will deduct from your eligibility to borrow Federal Student Loans.
- Students not awarded Federal Work – Study as part of their initial financial aid package have the ability to appeal for work-study funding. Contact the Financial Aid Office for information regarding the appeal process. Appeals will not be accepted until after initial awards are made.

Federal College Work-Study: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Federal College Work-Study?

A: Federal College Work-Study is a need based federal financial aid program in which students who are eligible are able to work on campus or off-campus for a non-profit, non-partisan organization and be paid as long as certain conditions are met.

Q: Is Federal Work-Study equivalent to being employed in a job?

A: Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. The program encourages community service work and work related to your field of study. To receive funds, you will need to be awarded work student and secure a job.

Q: How does someone qualify for work-study?

Students must demonstrate sufficient need (by completing their FAFSA) to be awarded Federal work-study funds. Because the funds are limited, students seeking summer work-study funds must have an eligible position, as well as meet the priority deadline, to be granted funds.

Q: What are some examples of opportunities that would qualify a student to receive work-study funds?

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Q: What is the application process?

A: To be considered for work-study a student must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the academic year by April 1.

Q: How does it work?

A: The wages a student earns are funded partially from their Federal work-study award and partially through the school. If you are working on campus, your department is charged the employer portion.

Q: How much can I earn?

A: Students are given a maximum award amount when your eligibility is determined. Award amounts vary year to year based on funding.