

Federal Work-Study Program (FWS)

The Work-Study Program provides jobs for undergraduates and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay educational expenses. The program encourages community service and works related to each student's course of study. The Office of Financial Aid determines who is eligible for work-study using the federal EFC from a valid ISIR and institutional cost of attendance. Work-Study applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid.

Students can earn at least the current minimum wage, but the amount may be higher depending on the type of work they perform and the skills required. The total Federal Work-Study award depends on when the student applies, the level of need, and the funding level of the school.

Awards are based on the amount of funds available.

Job sites are provided both on and off campus. If the student works on campus, the student is employed by the school. The employer for those students employed off campus will usually be a private non-profit organization or public agency.

The amount a student earns cannot exceed his/her total Federal Work-Study award. When assigning work hours, the Office of Financial Aid will consider the student's class schedule and academic progress. Work-study students may generally work additional hours upon request of the supervisor and approval from the Office of Financial Aid. Students are allowed to work during breaks with approval from the Office of Financial Aid.