

Work Study Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is work study?
The Federal Work-Study Program (**FWS**) is a federal financial aid program that provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students. FWS is not a loan, but guaranteed aid that **does not** need to be repaid, provided the individual works in an approved campus work-study position. In order to qualify for FWS, a student must apply for financial aid, show documented financial need and accept the award with the Financial Aid office if awarded.
2. Whom do I contact to find out if I am eligible to receive work study?
Students may contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 520-621-5542 to review their eligibility.
3. How do I know if I have been awarded work study?
Students will receive an award letter stating what Financial Aid package has been awarded to them. There are student and parent loans as well as FWS (work study).
4. What do I need to do to use the work study award?
Student staff members need to inform their supervisor that they have received a work study award, print out the Work Study Authorization form and submit the form to your supervisor.
5. What are some benefits to receiving work study?
 - Work study employment is has a benefit that non-work study employment lacks because the earnings are removed from income on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FWS earnings are not considered when figuring a student's "financial need" for future financial aid.
 - Work study provides opportunities for employment in departments that give preference to work study students.
6. Can the Financial Aid Award be changed once I've started using it? If so, what do I need to do?
Yes, the award can be re-evaluated if additional financial information is received. Students should notify their supervisor immediately of any revisions made to the FWS award amount.