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Work Study

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program is a need-based program designed to provide part-time employment for students with financial need. As with other need-based federal programs, information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine eligibility for FWS funds.

Once Northwest Florida State College receives this information, the college will determine whether you qualify for work-study, as well as other financial aid including loans and grants.

Students who have unmet need can receive work-study even if they were not eligible for other forms of aid. If you wish to return to a work-study job you have previously held or work for a community service organization, you can be awarded at any time. If additional work-study funds become available during the year, students will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

Unlike other forms of financial aid, work-study money is not disbursed in a lump sum at the beginning of the semester. Also, these funds are not automatically applied to a student's college obligations, but rather are paid directly to the student. Pay rates are at least minimum wage.

Work-study income is taxable. You will receive a W-2 from the college at the end of each year, and this form will indicate how much you earned from all employment at the college, including work-study employment. Although you may have to pay taxes on work-study earnings, you should list those earnings as income on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), but then also report them as exclusions on the FAFSA. When filling out the FAFSA, read the FAFSA booklet instructions for the exclusions worksheet carefully.

Student Responsibilities:

- Do not work during scheduled classes or exams.
- Work only the number of hours per week awarded, not to exceed total term award.
- Abide by work regulations of the department which employed i.e., schedule, attendance, dress, etc.
- Notify the Financial Aid Office if you do not accept FWS employment.

What to Expect:

- Students are paid for hours worked.
- Work schedules, attendance, etc. will be decided by the department to which a student is assigned.
- Jobs are limited and will be awarded on a priority basis. Award: up to 20 hours per week at \$8.28 per hour.

Contact the Financial Aid Office with any questions.

Federal Work Study applications are available under steps to apply in the menu on the left.

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