

# Federal Work Study Guide for Students

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## What is Federal Work Study?

The Federal Work Study Program provides jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay for expenses related to their education. The program encourages community service work and work related to your course of study, if possible.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study>

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## How do I qualify for Federal Work Study?

The first step is to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The Financial Aid office will review your Financial Aid Offer and determine if you have remaining need in meeting your Cost of Attendance. Students must remain enrolled and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress. If you qualify, the Financial Aid office will stamp your job application as FWS eligible.

If you do not qualify for Federal Work Study, you may still apply for positions on campus.

Federal Work Study is not automatically renewed each year. You will need to complete your FAFSA each year to determine your eligibility.

## What are the benefits of Federal Work Study?

- May reduce the need for loans. Your earnings can be used for any expenses you incur. Work Study is not directly applied to your tuition or fees.
- Allows a flexible schedule, with access to on-campus jobs.
- Paid experience with transferable skills to build your resume
- The potential to gain academic credit for an internship
- Work study earnings listed on the FAFSA will not negatively affect your Financial Aid Offer. Talk with the Financial Aid office for more details.

**How will I be paid?** You will receive a bi-monthly paycheck for the hours you work. The funds listed as CWSP (Campus Work Study Program) on your Award Offer go back to the hiring departments' budget to subsidize a portion of your wage.

For more information about the FWS program, please contact the Financial Aid office at [finaid@calbaptist.edu](mailto:finaid@calbaptist.edu) or 951 343-4236.