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WORK-STUDY PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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 education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to your course of study.

How much will I make?

Your Federal Work-Study salary will be **at least the current federal minimum wage**, but it may be higher, depending on the type of work you do and the skills required. Currently, clerical Work-Study's earn \$6.50 per hour and maintenance Work-Study's earn \$7.00 per hour. Your total Federal Work-Study award depends on when you apply, your level of need, and the funding level of your school.

How will I be paid?

If you're an undergraduate, you'll be paid by the hour. No Federal Work-Study student may be paid by commission or fee. Wallace State Community College pays you directly **once a month**. You may pick up your check on the last business day of each month after 2:00 PM

Are Federal Work-Study jobs on campus or off campus?

Both. If you work **on campus**, you'll usually work for your school. If you work **off campus**, your employer will usually be a private nonprofit organization or a public agency, and the work performed must be in the public interest. Some schools may have agreements with **private for-profit employers** for Federal Work-Study jobs, which must be judged to be relevant to your course of study. If you attend a proprietary school, there may be further restrictions on the jobs you can be assigned.

Can I work as many hours as I want?

No. The amount you earn can't exceed your total Federal Work-Study award. When assigning work hours, your employer or financial aid administrator will consider your class schedule and your academic progress.

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