

# FEDERAL WORK-STUDY/STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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This work program, funded by the federal government, provides part-time employment at an hourly wage, which is determined by the demands of the job and the skill and experience of the student employee. The program encourages community service and work related to each student's career goals.

**What is work-study?**

Work-study is a need-based type of financial aid that allows students to work on campus (or with an approved off-campus employer) to earn money to help pay for educational expenses. It's not a grant (because you must work to earn it), and it's not a loan (because you don't have to repay it).

**Eligibility:**

Because work-study funding is limited, it's not included in all students' aid offers. Priority is given to those who applied for financial aid by the priority deadline, and if eligible, it will be included on their financial aid offer.

If work-study is included in your aid offer, you may begin applying for positions, however, you must be enrolled at least half-time in courses that count toward your degree program before you are eligible to begin working.

**Getting Paid:**

The amount shown on your aid offer is the maximum amount you can earn over the academic year. Actual earnings will depend on your work schedule and hourly rate. Since there is no pre-set pay rate, the amount earned will depend on your position. You'll be paid every two weeks for the hours worked, and your paycheck will be sent directly to you (not applied to your tuition bill).

**Other Part-Time Positions:**

There are other work opportunities available! Student Employment maintains an online job board of part-time on- and off-campus positions. These positions are available to all students, regardless of financial need or work-study eligibility. For more information about student employment as well as gaining access to Pioneer Careers Online (PCO), DU's student job platform, please go to <https://career.du.edu/channels/student-employees/>.

For more information about employment opportunities, contact the Office of Student Employment at [stuemp@du.edu](mailto:stuemp@du.edu).