

Federal Work Study

What's Work-Study?

The Work-Study program is a need-based financial aid program funded by the federal government and Furman University. It is awarded to students based on need demonstrated on the FAFSA. Unlike grants and scholarships, Work-Study awards are earned and paid through the payroll process in the form of bi-weekly pay. Work-Study awards and amounts are subject to eligibility requirements and funding availability.

How it works

- Work-Study subsidizes eligible student jobs with federal and institutional funds. The departments pay 25% of the wages a Work-Study employee earns while Work-Study pays the remaining 75%.
- Both the student and the employer benefit – the department pays only a portion of the earned wages and students can credit their Work-Study earnings as financial aid to reduce their student contribution on future FAFSAs.
- If you are an **on-campus employer**, please review information on hiring a work study student.

How do I get Work-Study?

- Student eligibility is set by the [FAFSA](#). Students should file by Furman's priority deadline and should select "yes" when asked about Work-Study on the FAFSA.
- If awarded, students will be notified in their financial aid offer letter.

Work-Study Programs

- [America Reads/America Counts](#)