



## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FEDERAL WORK STUDY

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Gain experience, further your education and earn money – all in the same place.

### WHAT IS THE FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM?



The Federal Work Study program is a form of federal financial assistance provided to undergraduate students through part-time employment.

This aid can vary in amounts and availability based on a student's need, derived from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM?



Complete a FAFSA application at ***fafsa.gov***.

On the FAFSA application, indicate interest in receiving Federal Work Study.

### I AM ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM



#### WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

Login to Handshake to apply for a position at ***mercy.joinhandshake.com/login***.

- On Handshake, complete and upload a Federal Work Study Application.
- Click on ***Jobs*** and select ***Filters***.
- Select position that is Federal Work Study eligible and click on ***view details***. View Federal Work Study positions.
- Once you are ready to apply, click ***apply*** on the right side of the screen to complete the application.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **DOES FEDERAL WORK STUDY MONEY HAVE TO BE PAID BACK?**

Money earned as part of the federal work study program does not have to be repaid.

### **ARE FEDERAL WORK STUDY FUNDS APPLIED TO TUITION?**

Unlike other types of financial aid, work study earnings are not applied directly to your tuition and fees. Students who are awarded work study receive the funds in a paycheck, just like a normal job.

### **ARE ALL FEDERAL WORK STUDY JOBS ON CAMPUS?**

The availability of work study positions includes community service options with non-profit employers, which means some work study jobs are available for off-campus work.

