

YOU RECEIVED WORK-STUDY, NOW WHAT?



WHAT IS WORK-STUDY?

Work-study is a financial aid resource that assists full-time undergraduate and graduate students in finding part-time employment with UNC. The application for work-study begins with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the March 1 priority deadline, and by answering 'Yes' to the work-study question located on the application.

HOW TO ACCEPT YOUR WORK-STUDY AWARD

- 1 Log onto your URSA account
- 2 After logging in, select the Financial tab.
- 3 Click on the "View/Accept Award Offer" hyperlink. Be sure to choose the correct Aid Year from the drop-down menu.
- 4 Select the "Terms and Conditions" tab and review the information before clicking the "I Accept" button. A new tab "Accept Award Offer" will appear.
- 5 Accept, decline or adjust the aid offered to you. Make sure you don't leave anything in "offered" status. You can always work with us later if you change your mind.
- 6 Once you have accepted, declined or adjusted your financial aid, select "Submit Decision."

MAINTAINING WORK-STUDY

UNC requires students using work-study to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours as an undergraduate or 5 credit hours as a graduate, and be making Satisfactory Academic Progress throughout the academic year in order to remain eligible for the work-study program. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 970-351-2502, or email us at OFA@UNCO.EDU.

In order to remain eligible for work-study, students are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by the Office of Financial Aid.

QUESTIONS ABOUT WORK-STUDY?

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Finding Work-Study Jobs

WHERE CAN I LOOK FOR JOBS?

Students can find available work-study jobs by creating an account with Handshake, UNC's job search site, at UNCO.JOINHANDSHAKE.COM. You can also visit various department web pages to look for their job postings or attend the Community Work-Study Fair. For more information visit UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WITH WORK-STUDY

Students awarded work-study have the unique opportunity to find student employment positions at select off-campus organizations. UNC off-campus job opportunities are also viewable through Handshake. These areas include, but are not limited to:

21st Century

Arc of Weld County

Boys and Girls Club

City of Evans

City of Greeley Culture, Parks, and Recreation

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery

Global Refugee Center

Greeley Museums

High Plains Library District

I Have a Dream – Boulder County

Island Grove Village Apartments

Life Stories Child and Family Advocacy

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

North Range Behavioral Health

The Mirror

Union Colony Civic Center

United Way of Weld County

Weld County School District 6

WORKING AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Research shows that working while obtaining a degree can help fund educational expenses, increase a student's involvement, engagement, and overall success at the university. Working also prepares students for employment after graduation.

(R. Noel-Levitz that discusses retention and work-study/student campus involvement: https://www.ruffalon.com/documents/shared/Papers_and_Research/2010/StudentEmployeeSuccess.pdf.)

BEAR FACT

With campus jobs, students automatically become involved within the campus community, resulting in greater student success and retention.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to Handshake, "120,000 employers use Handshake to find students for all kinds of jobs" including 95% of Fortune 500 companies.

SURVEY SAYS

To help pay for college, more than 75 percent of all college students today are employed while taking classes.

(ACE Issue Brief, Working Their Way Through College, 2006.)

RESEARCH SHOWS

21% of first-year entering undergraduates planned to work 1-10 hours per week, 29% expected to work 11-20 hours per week, and 26% planned to work more than 20 hours per week.

(Noel-Levitz, 2010)

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