Work Study @ Seattle Pacific University

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What is it?
Work Study is a financial aid program that allows financially eligible undergraduate students to work on-campus or with approved off-campus employers to earn money to pay towards college expenses. Eligibility is determined by the FAFSA and is reserved for those students with the most financial need. Work Study is not a grant (you must work to earn it), and it is not a loan (you don't have to repay it). It is a federal or state funded program that encourages employment in community service and in fields related to your major of study.

How Does it Work?
Rather than automatically paying on your student account, Work Study earnings will be given to you in the form of a paycheck. At this point, you may use the earnings to pay down your tuition and fees, or to cover other educational expenses. Work Study earnings are considered taxable income, but unlike the money you earn from non-Work Study jobs, your earnings will not count against you when determining your Financial Aid eligibility for the next academic year.

What Types of Work Study Programs Does SPU Offer?
1. Federal Work Study (On-Campus) & Federal Community Service (Off-Campus)
   - Federal need-based employment. Students must be enrolled at least half-time and maintain satisfactory academic progress.
2. State Work Study (Off-Campus)
   - State need-based employment. Students must be a Washington State resident, enrolled at least half-time, and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

How Does Work Study Benefit Me?
- Gain work experience, improve your skills, and build your resume
- Explore possible career opportunities
- Reduce loan indebtedness and help pay your way through school
- Work Study earnings will not count against you when determining your Financial Aid eligibility for the next academic year.

Is Work Study Guaranteed?
If you are awarded Work Study, it simply means that you are eligible for the program and can be used as an additional financial resource to help you pay your way through school. Work Study is not guaranteed. Essentially, the Work Study Program is first come, first serve due to limited funding. In order to use a Work Study Award, it is required that you locate a Work Study job. Because Work Study positions are in high demand, it is important that you are proactive in your job search and start applying to positions as early as possible. (Most positions for the school year will be posted during the summer before each academic year begins.)

If I’m Not Eligible for Work Study, Can I Still Work?
YES! SPU students can apply for ANY on-campus job regardless if they are eligible for Work Study or not. There are also plenty of off-campus non-Work Study positions around the area as well. SPU is located directly on the bus line and close to many local businesses in the surrounding neighborhoods of Queen Anne, Ballard, Fremont, and Wallingford.