

The Summer Work-Study program provides an opportunity for students to help meet the cost of their education through full-time off-campus summer employment at a participating community service agency **in Evanston**. Students are permitted to work up to 37.5 hours per week, and are expected to save a portion of their earnings to help meet the cost of their education for the following academic year. **For the 2021-2022 academic year, most students are expected to save \$1,800 from summer work-study earnings.** You can find off-campus job listings on the work-study website:

<https://undergradaid.northwestern.edu/work-study/jobs/off-campus-jobs/index.html>

Eligibility

You must be eligible for Federal Work-Study during the 2021-2022 academic year. Students completing graduation requirements during the summer to graduate in August are ineligible for summer work-study.

Submit your 2021-2022 financial aid application by **May 1, 2021**; refer to your CAESAR To Do list for outstanding requirements. After submitting your application materials, contact the Work-Study Office to confirm your eligibility for summer work-study. Once confirmed, you may contact a participating community service agency for an interview. You must secure employment and approval by **July 1** in order to participate in Summer Work-Study, even if you do not plan to begin your job until later in the summer.

Frequently Asked Questions

I didn't use up my work-study award this year. Can I use it during the summer?

No. Your Federal Work-Study award is only available during the academic year (September through June), like the rest of your financial aid. Work-study during the summer is a separate form of aid that allows you to save some of your summer earnings to help with your education costs the following academic year.

I already have an on-campus job lined up for the summer. Can I do it as summer work-study?

No. Summer work-study at Northwestern is a federally funded program offered through participating agencies in Evanston. Most on-campus summer positions are considered temporary non-work-study jobs, which are funded 100% by the department and are not eligible for the summer work-study program.

I'd like to do community service in my hometown. Can I get paid as a work-study student?

No. Summer work-study is limited to the Evanston community. Out-of-state jobs, even at community service agencies, cannot be paid through Northwestern's summer work-study program.

If I participate in summer work-study, will I still have work-study for the upcoming year?

Yes, most students are still eligible for work-study during the upcoming academic year if they continue to qualify for need-based aid.

I'm not planning to work full-time. Do I still have to save my earnings?

The summer work-study program is designed to help you save for your education-related costs, which is why participants are expected to save a portion of their earnings. While the amount you actually save is largely up to you, keep in mind that your financial aid for next year will not be increased if you do not save your summer earnings to help cover your costs.