



STETSON LAW

Federal Work Study Program

Overview

Federal Work Study (FWS) is a federally sponsored and funded program that enables eligible students to earn income through part-time employment with the College of Law. The Federal Work Study Program was established to provide opportunities for students to engage in part-time employment in order to meet a portion of the cost of their education. Funds are used to pay a portion of the wages of enrolled students, with the work-study employer making up the difference. All students who wish to participate in the Federal Work Study Program must agree to the terms, responsibilities, and policies that relate to this program.

Eligibility

To qualify for work-study employment, students must:

1. file the FAFSA form to demonstrate financial need;
2. be enrolled for at least half-time (part-time) enrollment status;
3. be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen;
4. maintain satisfactory academic progress;
5. be registered with the Selective Service or be exempt from registration;
6. not be in default on any Perkins, Stafford, PLUS, or SLS loan;
7. not owe a refund on a Pell Grant, SEOG-Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, or LEAP-Leveraging Education Assistance Program.

Students may check with the Office of Admissions and Student Financial Planning (finaid@law.stetson.edu or 727-562-7813) if unsure about eligibility.

Federal Work Study Funds

The Federal Government supplies a limited amount of FWS funds to schools to award to students with exceptional need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Eligible students who complete the FAFSA and have demonstrated financial need may be awarded FWS as part of their financial aid packages.

On average, students who are offered and accept the work study award will earn approximately \$6,080 by working 20 hours per week during the academic year. In cases where funds remain after the spring term, FWS will be offered over the summer. FWS will assist students in reducing student loan debt. FWS is not a scholarship, but a chance to earn funds to reduce the amount borrowed for cost of living and/or tuition and fees.

Work Study Process and Eligibility at Stetson Law

- Student Financial Planning established August 1 as the priority deadline for completing the FAFSA in order to be considered for FWS. Students who submit the FAFSA after that date would only receive the offer of a Work Study as part of their aid package if there are funds remaining. The Work Study funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are exhausted.
- Students who do not accept their FWS award within three weeks of the initial offer will lose eligibility and FWS funds will be offered to another eligible student. The student must work with Student Life and/or Human Resources to complete and timely submit all necessary employment documentation and may not start working until they have received confirmation of approval and their time sheet from Student Life.

Administrative policy effective Fall 2013.