

## Federal Work Study (FWS) Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. I have federal work study; what are the next steps?**

A. Search for a job. Jobs are posted in the Career Center's [Handshake](#) software.

### **Q. Why will a department want to hire me just because I have FWS?**

A. Employers seek students with FWS positions because the wages earned are not charged to the department's budget.

### **Q. Do I have to work on campus?**

A. No, there are employment opportunities on and off campus.

### **Q. Can't I make more money off campus?**

A. FWS positions begin at \$8/hr. versus North Carolina's minimum wage of \$7.25/hr. Some FWS positions pay more, up to \$10/hr., because of the work involved. In addition to hire wages, campus employers allow students to establish a schedule around their classes, sometimes having shifts throughout the day.

### **Q. Where can I get a job off-campus?**

A. Off campus employers include, but are not limited to:

- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Brigade Boys & Girls Club](#)
- [Carousel Center](#)
- [Children's Museum](#)
- [DREAMS of Wilmington](#)
- [New Hanover County Board of Elections](#)
- [New Hanover County Cape Fear Museum](#)
- [New Hanover County Human Resources](#)
- [New Hanover County Information Technology](#)
- [New Hanover County Parks & Gardens](#)
- [New Hanover County Public Library](#)
- [New Hanover County Social Services](#)
- [YMCA](#)

### **Q. Can I work in the office with my academic major?**

A. Most campus departments have FWS positions, and do not require a specific major. Campus employers include, but are not limited to:

- Athletic Department (various teams)
- Biology labs (may be limited to students within the major)
- [Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#)
- Film Studies
- Human Resources
- Technology Assistance Center (TAC)
- Theatre Department

### **Q. When is payday?**

A. The UNCW Payroll Office processes pay for on the 15th of each month for the hours worked during the previous month. If the 15th falls on a holiday or weekend, pay day is the Friday before.

### **Q. What if I have not been awarded Federal Work Study and would like to be considered for this award?**

A. If you do not have a FWS award in your financial aid package, please contact your [financial aid counselor](#). If eligible, you will be added to the Wait List. There is no guarantee, but if funds become available later, a FWS award could be added. You will be notified by the Work Study office, if this occurs.