

Federal Work Study Eligibility:

- **How do I apply to participate in the Federal Work Study Program?**

To be considered for Federal Work Study, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and indicate on the FAFSA your interest in Federal Work Study as part of your financial aid. Federal Work Study is awarded on a first-come, first serve basis. If you do not receive Federal Work Study, but are eligible, you can be placed on the wait list. When a student rejects his/her award, you will be granted in the order in which you are placed on the wait list, and based on eligibility.

- **How will I know if I am awarded Federal Work Study?**

You can view your Federal Work-Study (FWS) award by logging into your [CUNYFIRST](#) account. You will also receive an award letter through the mail.

- **What are the eligibility requirements to participate in the Federal Work Study Program?**

To be eligible for a FWS award, you must:

1. Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. Qualify for Federal Financial Aid
3. Have remaining financial need demonstrated through the FAFSA
4. Be enrolled for at least 6 credits during the semester you want to work. If you are working during the summer, you are not required to be enrolled for the summer, but you need to be registered for at least 6 credits for the fall.
5. Meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements as listed on the financial aid website: <http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/financialaid/sapfa.htm>
6. Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen (i.e. permanent residents, or students with an I-94 that show Asylum or Refugee status)
7. Pass the Federal Work Study Orientation quiz with 100% and receive a certificate of completion

- **Can international Students receive Federal Work Study?**

As an international student, you cannot receive Federal Work Study, as you are not able to complete the FAFSA. You can, however, apply for Baruch Student Employment (BSEP). You would need to obtain an eligibility to work form from International Student Services Center (ISSC), and then find a department in Baruch College that has BSEP money. If the department would like to hire you, you would make an appointment with the Work Study Coordinator to obtain a contract.

- **Can my work study grant be reduced? Why?**

Your Federal Work Study grant can be reduced after it was awarded to you. You have a financial aid budget, and all of your financial aid needs to fit within it. If your financial aid does not fit in your budget, the Federal Work Study grant will be reduced.

These are possible reasons your Federal Work study grant would be reduced:

1. You receive a scholarship after you are awarded the Federal Work Study Grant
2. You apply for Federal or Private student loans after you are awarded the Federal Work Study grant
3. You drop courses after you are awarded the Federal Work Study Grant
4. Your TAP grant is certified for more than the estimated amount