

Washington Work Study

2026-27 Academic Year

1	<p>Student must be a WA resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are considered a resident if you have moved to and lived in WA for <u>at least a year for some purpose other than solely for attending school.</u>
2	<p>Review and accept Work Study on your 2026-27 Financial Aid Offer Letter. You are required to contact the Financial Aid Office lawfa@seattleu.edu to confirm your employment status (starting summer 2026)</p>
3	<p>Complete an Employment Referral Agreement (ERA) every year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are required to complete an ERA with an SWS-approved employer <u>every</u> academic year (after May 15, 2026). See the Center for Professional Development for SWS job opportunities and pick up ERAs at our office.
4	<p>During the Summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 credits or more: May not exceed 19 hours per work week (including exam period). Employers will not be reimbursed for any hours over 19 hours per week. - Less than 2 credits: May work 40 hours a week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NOTE: If taking less than 2 credits during the summer, you will not be eligible for student loan and must pay out of pocket.
5	<p>During Fall and Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be enrolled half-time or more (at least 6 credits). - May only work 20 hours per week, including entire exam period.
6	<p>Working full-time is only allowable as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the Summer break once Summer exam period ends - Winter and Spring breaks after the exam period ends (as noted in the Registrar's Academic Calendar)
7	<p>Begin using SWS on May 19, 2026. Award amount may be revised depending on the final legislative budget and our allocation. The award is for the full academic year (May 19, 2026 to May 16, 2027). If not activated by March 1, may possibly be withdrawn depending on expenditures.</p>
8	<p>Track and budget your work hours in order to extend your employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on the timesheets submitted to our office, the <u>gross</u> pay you earn is deducted at 100% from your award amount until it is exhausted. The State currently reimburses employers 40-70% of gross wages earned.
9	<p>Petitioning for an increase in the award amount:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allowable if necessary. However, we may only provide limited increases, and approval is dependent on your remaining eligibility and the remaining balance of our limited institutional allotment based on expenditures. - SWS funding is designed to offer minimal part-time work in a student's field of study but cannot sustain a comprehensive employment situation.
Notes	<p><u>Summer:</u> You may use SWS if not enrolled during summer; however, you must intend to enroll for fall term. See #4.</p> <p><u>Fall/Spring:</u> Less than 6 credits Fall/Spring has academic progress issues and may result in loss of future financial aid.</p>