

**Important Announcement Regarding Federal Work Study (FWS) for Fall 2009**

**Changes in FWS for 2009 Fall and 2010 Spring terms.** Due to the increase in minimum wage and the limited federal funds allocated to the university the FWS positions and award amounts will be limited for the 09-10 award year. We will not be able to make any FWS awards to students whose financial aid file was not complete and awarded by August 1, 2009.

If you have been awarded FWS for 2009-10, it will show under “Financial Aid”—“Award”—“Award for Aid Year-View/Accept” in GoldLink. Students who are awarded FWS will be given a maximum award of \$2,200 (\$1,100-fall, \$1,100-spring). However, some students may have smaller awards due to receiving additional aid that would reduce their original eligibility for FWS. The student award amount is based on students working an average of 10 hours a week over the 15-week period of each term. The maximum number of hours a student can work per semester is **150 hours**.

Students **CAN NOT** exceed their awarded amount during either earning period. If students are allowed to earn over their awarded amount, it will be necessary to charge the department’s RSWP account for the overage.

Important!! --- Students may begin working on August 16, 2009 for the fall and can continue to work until December 24, 2009. Students may begin working on January 2, 2010 for the spring and continue to work until May 15, 2010.

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