

Washington College
Student Employment Program
Handbook

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Section I. Introduction

Overview

Washington College is committed to supporting part-time, on-campus employment to benefit both the departments and programs of the College and the students they employ. Student employment is a significant way that students can enhance their academic experience by applying practical learning on the job in a supportive and challenging setting. As mentors and learners, supervisors and students can build the foundation for professional career development.

The Student Employment Program at Washington College is administered by both Human Resources and the Office of Student Aid. Staff in the Human Resources Office assists students working in positions under general campus employment with administrative matters like payroll paperwork while the Office of Student Aid administers the Federal Work-Study Program.

Human Resources Personnel:

Sam Connally, Director of Human Resources

Loretta Lodge, Recruitment Coordinator

Office of Student Aid Personnel:

**Natalie Story, Associate Director Office of Student Aid
(Federal Work-Study Coordinator)**

Career Center Personnel:

**Jim Allison, Director
(General Student Campus Employment)**

Requirements and Eligibility

In order to be hired by the College for paid employment, a student must be eligible to work in the United States and have been issued a Social Security number. Furthermore, every individual is required to complete an I-9 form and provide the necessary identification to verify his or her eligibility to work in the U.S. Students who have not yet reached the age of 18 are also required to have a work permit. International students will need to present an I-20 document and visa for the purpose of verification.

Federal Work Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Program offers eligible students work opportunities both on and off-campus. Eligible students receive offers of part time employment at Washington College as part of their financial aid award package upon completion of the need-based financial aid award process. Federal Work-Study students must be given first consideration for jobs on campus in order to assist in fulfilling their financial need. Students wishing to participate must:

1. Complete the need-based application process and receive notice from the Office of Student Aid that they qualify for campus employment through the Federal Work-Study program.
2. Formally accept their offer of employment as a Federal Work-Study student on Web Advisor. By accepting a Federal Work-Study award the student is also acknowledging that they have read and understand this handbook and agree to abide by the regulations and guidelines of the program. Essentially, the student fulfills the requirement of a contractual agreement by accepting the award.
3. Contact potential supervisors to set up an appropriate time and place for an interview.
4. Federal Work-Study students complete and submit blue Federal Work-Study timesheets to the payroll office. Timesheets are available for download at <http://hr.washcoll.edu/studentemployment.php>.
5. Federal Work-Study supervisors must provide a job description for each position to the Office of Student Aid for review and recordkeeping.

Any questions specific to the Federal Work-Study program should be forwarded to the Office of Student Aid at (410) 778-7214.

General Campus Employment

There are general on-campus employment opportunities for students who do not qualify for a Federal Work-Study assignment. All students are welcome to seek employment with Washington College. Students who work as non-Federal Work-Study employees are asked to report hours worked on a Regular Student Employee Timesheet printed on white paper. These are available for download from <http://hr.washcoll.edu>.

Section II. Hiring Process

Seeking Campus Employment

Students who qualify for Federal Work-Study should refer to the information provided in Section I.

Students who do not qualify for employment through the Federal Work-Study program, but who are interested in on-campus employment should contact the Career Center located in Caroline Hall. Almost all of Washington College's departments and programs hire in the early Fall for the academic year. Additional job openings occur after winter break for the second semester. Short-term employment opportunities are also available for special events such as the Office of College Advancement's Phonathon.

The following areas employ a significant number of students each year:

Admissions	Intramural Sports	Student Affairs
Athletics	Lifetime Fitness Center	Swim Center
Dining Services	Information Technology	Barnes & Noble Bookstore
Catering	Miller Library	

Interviewing and Selection

College personnel who are responsible for hiring student employees conduct interviews with applicants. The interviewer will consider the applicant's skills, experience and qualifications as a part of the selection process. The current needs of the department or program will also be taken into consideration during the screening process.

Hiring a Student Employee

There are three important steps to remember:

1. **Budget** – There must be funds in the department or program's budget to pay a general student employee's salary. All hours worked are charged to a specific general ledger account number. Please be sure that funds are available before authorizing students to work.
2. **Required Paperwork** - The student must be eligible to work. Please make sure that

the student has completed the required paperwork. Payroll paperwork only has to be done once. If the student has worked previously for Washington College and has been paid the paperwork does not need to be repeated for subsequent jobs.

3. **Employment Authorization Form (EAF)** – As soon as possible, after a student has been hired under general campus employment, an Employment Authorization Form needs to be completed and submitted to Human Resources. The individual hiring the employee is responsible for informing Human Resources via the EAF to allow the necessary payroll set-up to occur and guarantees that the student will be paid in a timely manner. An electronic copy of the EAF can be completed on the Human Resources homepage. If preferred, a hard copy can be printed and completed and sent to Loretta Lodge via Campus Mail. The Office of Student Aid notifies Human Resources of Federal Work-Study hiring information for payroll set-up.

Required Documents for Employment Eligibility

In order to work for the College and receive pay, all prospective employees are required to visit Human Resources and complete the following:

- I-9 Employment Eligibility Form with acceptable identification*
- Maryland Minor Work Permit (employees under 18 years of age)
- 1-20 and Visa (for International Students)
- State and Federal Withholding Form
- Direct Deposit Form

Restrictions on Employment Activity

Students are not permitted to work during their scheduled class periods. Supervisors should request and maintain on file copies of student employee's class schedules each semester.

Rate of Pay

The minimum rate of pay for all student employees as of July 2009 is \$7.25 per hour. Certain positions may have a higher rate of pay. Some positions are paid with a salary or stipend. For hourly positions, a student employee will be paid at the \$7.25 per hour rate unless a variance has been approved in advance.

Pay Variances

Supervisors are required to submit all requests for pay variances to the Director of Human Resources at the beginning of each academic year. All requests for a rate of pay higher than the established minimum of \$7.25 per hour need to be approved in advance by the Director of

Human Resources. Requests should include special certifications or skill sets required to perform advanced duties or assignments accompanied by a written explanation.

Taxes

Deductions for federal and state income taxes are taken unless the student chooses tax-exempt when completing the applicable forms. The College issues W-2 statements to all employees in January each year.

Direct Deposit

Student employees must complete a Direct Deposit form in order to have their paycheck automatically deposited into an account of their choice. Pay advices are available for download from Web Advisor.

Section III. On the Job

Supervision

The supervisor is responsible for the following:

1. Provide employee with all departmental safety rules.
2. Provide employee with all applicable departmental policies and procedures.
3. Provide employee with a written job description that lists all duties

Student Employee Responsibilities:

The student employee is responsible for the following:

1. Students are to perform their job assignments in a serious and responsible manner.
2. Upon accepting a position, a student is expected to perform his/her duties in accordance with the standards established by the department or program for which he or she works.
3. Students are expected to follow a pre-determined work schedule acceptable to both the student and supervisor.
4. Planned absences and absences due to illness need to be reported in a timely manner according to the policies of each department/supervisor.
5. Employees are expected to be neat, clean and appropriately dressed for the work site.

Statements, Agreements and Policies

Confidentiality Agreement

I understand that because in connection with my employment at Washington College, I may have access to educational, financial, and employment records that contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). I further understand that I may have access to other records and information that the College or my employing office considers privileged.

Because of the information that students may view, Washington College is requiring all student workers to sign a confidentiality agreement. This means I am aware that I may view and work only with information that pertains to my job. Information on individuals, other than published information, is not to be shared with individuals anywhere outside of the office.

I further understand that accessing, releasing, or using information without authorization that Washington College considers privileged or confidential violates College policy and is a violation of the Honor Code.

I acknowledge that if I abuse my responsibilities as an employee by improperly altering confidential information or assisting others in doing so, or if I violate another's right to privacy by communicating confidential information to unauthorized persons, my status as an employee will be terminated, and I may be brought up on Honor Code charges.

Drug, Alcohol, and Fire Arms Policy

Washington College prohibits possession, use or distribution of drugs and illegal or unauthorized use of alcohol by employees in the work place.

Violations may result in action by law enforcement officials, disciplinary action up to, and including termination of employment and/or mandatory participation in a substance abuse rehabilitation program. By Federal Law, Washington College must be notified within five days of any employee's conviction under criminal drug statutes.

The possession, storage or use of fireworks, firearms, ammunition or explosives is prohibited at any time for any purpose at any place on the campus or other property of Washington College.

I have read and understand the above statements and acknowledge that the use of drugs and illegal and/or unauthorized use of alcohol is prohibited as a condition of employment with Washington College.

Use of Property Agreement

Washington College provides its employees with appropriate supplies, facilities, and equipment necessary to effectively perform their job duties. Equipment and supplies should

not be removed from campus unless it is approved and a work assignment requires use of College property outside the physical facility of the College.

Employees are encouraged to use College resources prudently and efficiently. Misuse of these resources will be regarded as a serious violation of College policy.

Meals and Breaks

If an employee works a seven or eight hour shift, he or she is required to take a 30 minute break. The break period is unpaid time.

Time Reporting

Student employees are responsible for recording hours worked on a Student Employee Timesheet (see Appendix). Supervisors are responsible for approving all student employees' timesheets and making sure that all timesheets are received by the Business Office by noon on the published due date (please refer to the Student Pay Schedule in the Appendix). If a timesheet is received after the due date and time frame, the payroll office has the discretion to pay the employee in the next scheduled payroll.

Student Employee Pay Schedule

Please see the published schedule in the Appendix of this handbook. The schedule details the start and end dates for the pay period, due dates for timesheets, and the pay dates. Please pay special attention to when the timesheets are due to the Business Office.

Payroll

Student employees are paid via direct deposit on a bi-weekly schedule, usually on Friday (please see the Student Pay Schedule in the Appendix). Student employees access their pay advice and W-2 information via Web Advisor. Other procedures may apply when school is not in session (please contact Human Resources if you have any questions).

Grievances

To resolve job-related difficulties, students and supervisors should pursue the following steps as necessary:

1. The student and supervisor should discuss the problem and seek resolution.
2. If the concern is not resolved, the student and supervisor should request a meeting with the Director of Human Resources for mediation assistance. Federal Work-Study students may also request assistance from the Federal Work-Study Coordinator.

Resignation/Termination

If a student employee decides to terminate his or her employment, it is requested that the employee give the supervisor two weeks prior notice before ending the assignment.

A supervisor may terminate the employment of a student employee if the employee's conduct, job performance, and/or dependability are unacceptable.


A student employee who has been terminated from a job is still eligible to apply for another position with the College unless the termination was due to gross misconduct.

Appendix

- I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification
<http://hr.washcoll.edu/studentemployment.php>
- State and Federal Withholding Form
<http://hr.washcoll.edu/studentemployment.php>
- Direct Deposit Form
<http://hr.washcoll.edu/studentemployment.php>
- Federal Work-Study Timesheet
- General Campus Employee Timesheet
- Washington College Student Pay Schedule 2009-2010
- Student Employee Job Description Form

WASHINGTON COLLEGE
STUDENT EMPLOYEE PAY SCHEDULE
2009-2010

Period Ending	Due to Payroll	Pay Date
May 22, 2009	May 25, 2009	June 5, 2009
June 5, 2009	June 8, 2009	June 19, 2009
June 19, 2009	June 22, 2009	July 03, 2009
July 03, 2009	July 06, 2009	July 17, 2009
July 17, 2009	July 20, 2009	July 31, 2009
July 31, 2009	August 03, 2009	August 14, 2009
August 14, 2009	August 17, 2009	August 28, 2009
August 28, 2009	August 31, 2009	September 11, 2009
September 11, 2009	September 14, 2009	September 25, 2009
September 25, 2009	September 28, 2009	October 09, 2009
October 09, 2009	October 12, 2009	October 23, 2009
October 23, 2009	October 26, 2009	November 06, 2009
November 06, 2009	November 09, 2009	November 20, 2009
November 20, 2009	November 23, 2009	December 04, 2009
December 04, 2009	December 07, 2009	December 18, 2009
December 18, 2009	December 21, 2009	January 01, 2010
January 01, 2010	January 04, 2010	January 15, 2010
January 15, 2010	January 18, 2010	January 29, 2010
January 29, 2010	February 01, 2010	February 12, 2010
February 12, 2010	February 15, 2010	February 26, 2010
February 26, 2010	March 01, 2010	March 12, 2010
March 12, 2010	March 15, 2010	March 26, 2010
March 26, 2010	March 29, 2010	April 09, 2010
April 09, 2010	April 12, 2010	April 23, 2010
April 23, 2010	April 26, 2010	May 07, 2010
May 07, 2010	May 10, 2010	May 21, 2010
May 21, 2010	May 24, 2010	June 04, 2010
June 04, 2010	June 07, 2010	June 18, 2010



WASHINGTON COLLEGE
Federal Work-Study Job Description

DIRECTIONS:

Download and save to your desktop. Open from the icon on your desktop. In order to maintain the integrity of the form, use the arrow keys and avoid using the Return key. Complete the form and save once more. Email the document as an attachment to nstory2@washcoll.edu with *FWS Job Description* in the Subject line.

Job Title:	Supervisor's Phone:
Supervisor(s) Name(s):	Supervisor's Email:
Department:	Date Created:

Purpose for Position:

Duties & Responsibilities:

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Required knowledge & Skills:

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Certifications (if any):

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