# Paying for College: Earn and Save

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**Consider Working While in College**

Work-study jobs, part-time employment, seasonal roles, and internships all offer opportunities to learn and grow outside of the classroom while earning a degree.

* **Earn more; save more.**

**Federal Work-Study Programs**

# Getting Started

* Work study is a part-time position, usually offered on campus. Many work-study jobs offer flexible schedules around classes and exam calendars and can help build connections with faculty and peers.
* Work-Study Job Opportunities:
	+ Student Center Role
	+ Research Assistant
	+ Off-Campus Position
	+ Fitness Center Position
	+ Library Support Role

## Part-Time Employment

* Students can be more successful in education when working part-time compared to working full-time.
* Balancing work and academics can be a challenge, but it’s important to make studying a priority.
* Seek opportunities that align with your interests and career goals! They may provide valuable experiences and connections.
* Here are some questions to ask when looking for employment and earning your degree at the same time:
	+ Will this job bring me closer to my goal of graduation?
	+ Will I be able to manage the workload along with school?
	+ Is this job offering experience and networking opportunities in my field of study?

## Summer and Seasonal Jobs

* One of the best ways to save for school is by taking advantage of working full-time during seasonal breaks, during the summer or winter.
* Explore seasonal employment opportunities, like:
	+ Summer programs
	+ Become a lifeguard, camp counselor, or outdoor guide
	+ Retail opportunities
	+ Hospitality positions in restaurants, hotels, etc.
	+ Check local listings for options in the community.

## Internships

* Internships are professional learning experiences that give students exposure to a business or organization related to the student’s field of study.
* Internships can be a good way to gain:
	+ Hands-on experience
	+ Resume-building assets
	+ Networking opportunities
	+ Credits to graduate (required by some programs)
	+ Monetary compensation (sometimes)

**Ways to Save**

**ABLE Account**

* Investment account, but for qualified disability expenses
* **ableut.com**
* **stableaccount.com**

**my529**

* Investment account
* Visit **my529.org** for information

**Bank or Credit Union**

* Earns interest