# **Paying for College: Earn and Save**

### **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.

## **Getting Started**

## **Federal Work-Study Programs**

- 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
  - o Off-Campus Position
  - o 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:
  - o Will this job bring me closer to my goal of graduation?
  - o Will I be able to manage the workload along with school?
  - o 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
  - o 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

#### **Bank or Credit Union**

Earns interest

#### my529

- Investment account
- Visit my529.org for information

#### **ABLE Account**

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