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 outside of the classroom while earning a degree.

Earn more. Save more.

Getting Started

Federal work-study program

- Work-study is a part-time position typically offered on campus. Many work-study jobs provide flexible schedules for classes and exam calendars and can help build connections with faculty and peers.
- Work-study job opportunities:
 - o Student center roles
 - Research assistantships
 - Off-campus positions
 - o Fitness center positions
 - Library support roles

Part-time employment

- Students can often achieve greater success in their education when working part-time rather than fulltime.
- Balancing work and academics can be challenging, and prioritizing study time is crucial.
- Seek opportunities that align with your interests and career goals, they can provide valuable experiences and connections.
- Questions to ask when seeking employment and earning your degree:
 - Will this job bring me closer to my goal of graduation?
 - Can I manage this workload alongside my studies?
 - Does this job offer experience and networking opportunities in my field of study?

Summer and seasonal jobs

- One of the best ways to save for college is to work full-time during seasonal breaks, in the summer or winter.
- Explore seasonal employment opportunities, such as:
 - Summer programs
 - Lifeguarding, camp counseling, or outdoor guiding
 - Retail positions
 - Hospitality roles in restaurants, hotels, etc.
 - Check local listings for options in the community.

Internships

- Internships are professional learning experiences that give students exposure to businesses and organizations relevant to their field of study.
- Internships offer:
 - Hands-on experience
 - Resume-building assets
 - Networking opportunities
 - Credits towards graduation for some programs
 - Some offer monetary compensation

Saving Options

Bank or Credit Union

Earns interest

my529

- Investment account
- Visit my529.org for information on Utah's plan

ABLE Account

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