Fall Greetings! Change is in the Air

Happy Fall! The semester is well underway, and I hope, going well for all. I am excited to present our second, and latest work study newsletter for your perusal.

This will be my last time writing this newsletter, as it is with sadness that I announce I am resigning my position as Work-Study Coordinator at WSU. My husband was offered a job opportunity out-of-town, and I will be moving to join him. My last day is October 26th. Student Financial Services is in the process of hiring my replacement, so please keep posted for the announcement regarding who will be the new coordinator in the following weeks!

Thank you all for the opportunity to work with you!

-Regards and Farewell,

Dorothea Moore
Advisor/Coordinator, Student F

State Vs. Federal Work Study

State: State work study is provided by the state, and students on state work study must be paid the equivalent hourly rate of someone working full-time in that position at WSU.

SFS always awards state work study first, as this is the preferable award for students, and then awards federal work study. DACA students can only receive state aid, so funds are reserved for this student group.

Federal: Federal work study comes from the Federal government. If a student is applying for SNAP benefits, the student must be on federal funds to be eligible to apply or maintain eligibility.
Reminders

- **Have a quick question?** You can find resources built specifically for work study employers on our SFS Partners Portal! For a direct link, go here: https://sfspartners.wsu.edu/work-study/

- **Need to know how much to pay a student?** Visit the Student Worker Classification and Compensation plan on HRS’s website at: https://hrs.wsu.edu/managers/classification-compensation/

- **Did personnel in charge of work study in your department change?** Please notify the SFS Work-Study coordinator at sfs.workstudy@wsu.edu

- **Do you need access to the work-study listserv or work – study section of partner portal?** Notify the SFS Work-Study coordinator at sfs.workstudy@wsu.edu

Reflections on Funding Levels

Projecting funding level needs for work study can be complicated on all accounts, and as we’ve heard from departments, can vary from year to year.

For those of you who attended our conference this spring, I mentioned that we had an Additional Allocation Form in the works. Unfortunately, this form was not forthcoming, at least for this year, which I very much regret. However, if your department feels it is not provided sufficient funds, or perhaps has not had an allocation, please feel free to contact our office, and we will see what we can do!

DACA

If hiring a DACA student, please remember that it is the employer’s responsibility to verify a student’s DACA status is current.

Thanks again for supporting our DACA students!
What to do if a Student with Work Study Leaves WSU

Did a student you have working for you recently let you know they are graduating Fall 2018? Did one of your work study students cancel their enrollment at WSU? Did one of your work-study students move home to take classes via global campus?

Fear not! You may be able to award/hire a student on that student’s work-study award.

If the student declines their work study award in writing, and if the replacement meets all requirements for work study eligibility, we would be happy to transfer the funds to the replacement.

If a situation like this comes up, please consult the work-study coordinator immediately to see if it is an applicable situation.

Any questions regarding hiring a student on a declined work-study award should be sent to sfs.workstudy@wsu.edu.

Looking Forward

As we settle into the school year, we’d like to share with you our top priorities for the remainder of the aid year in regards to work study:

1. As ever, the continual improvement of the work-study process
2. To assist in the comprehension of how the work-study process is facilitated by providing easily accessed support. Even through the position transition there will always be someone to answer your questions.

Questions? We’d love to hear from you!

Contact us: Email: sfs.workstudy@wsu.edu

Students are welcome to call us at 509-335-9711

Best Regards,
Dorothea Moore &
SFS Work-Study Team