Palomar College Financial Aid Office Federal Work-Study Statement of Understanding 2025-2026

PROGRAM

- 1. First and foremost, federal work study earnings are taxable and must be reported to the IRS if you are required to file a tax return. The Financial Aid Office cannot provide you with tax advice in regard to exemptions or withholding.
- 2. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units to retain their FWS eligibility during Fall & Spring semesters and one (1) semester units in Summer (if funding available). If a student is on Probation due to an appeal approval, those units must be eligible for Federal Financial Aid. Failure to remain enrolled in the minimum required units will result in cancellation of the work study award. Enrollment is checked each time a timesheet is submitted. If a student drops to less than the required units in between payment periods, the hours worked will be charge to the department. Please confirm your FWS student(s) enrollment with them before they begin working.

3. Dates of employment: Fall 2025 semester August 25, 2025 – December 20, 2025 Spring 2026 semester January 26, 2026 – May 23, 2026 Summer 2025 June 15, 2026 – August 8, 2026

4. The supervisor and student employee will discuss an agreeable work schedule. MAXIMUM hours per week – 20. MAXIMUM hours per day - 8. Excess hours will be charged to the department account. Winter and Spring Break hours are not in addition to the student's awarded hours; they still count toward the student's allotted hours. Employees must take a 30-minute non-paid break after working for six (6) consecutive hours.

TIME SHEETS

- 1. PAYROLL TIME SHEETS can be obtained from the <u>Financial Aid FWS website</u>. DO NOT use the regular student hourly time sheet for federal work-study students. Time sheet reports must be completed in black or blue ink.
- 2. Pay periods are from the 16th to the 15th of the following month. <u>TIME SHEETS ARE DUE IN THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTH (THIS CAN CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS)</u>. LATE TIME SHEETS WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT NOT BEING PAID UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH.
- 3. Report total hours worked each day in the appropriate date space on the time sheet.
- 4. If a student has sick hours reported, please include the department's account sting on the time sheet.
- 5. Only the supervisor on record, the director, or the department chair can sign time sheets. Original signatures are required, absolutely no signature stamps.
- 6. Time sheet reports will be returned to the supervisor if not filled out completely.

1.	Hours worked must be calculated by the quarter hour.	$15 \min = 0.25 30 \min = 0.50$	$45 \min = 0.75 \\ 60 \min = 1.00$
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FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

- 1. The Palomar College Financial Aid Office reserves the right to adjust any and all Federal Work Study funds at any time during the academic year. The work-study award is an offer contingent upon the availability of funds; there is no guarantee that a student will be able to earn the entire amount of the offer.
- 2. The Financial Aid Office will use only the student's Palomar e-mail address for work-study related communications. All questions, concerns, and forms regarding the Federal Work-Study Program are to be directed to Adriana Sanchez at (760) 744-1150 ext. 2213 in the Palomar College Financial Aid Office. E-mail: studentjobs@palomar.edu
- 3. THE TOTAL FUNDS OFFERED MUST BE MONITORED CAREFULLY. It is important for the supervisor and the student employee to maintain records of the funds used during each pay period. Any hours worked in excess of the student's award will be charged to the department's account.
- 4. Employment may not:
 - Impair existing service contracts
 - Displace employees
 - o Replace a fulltime employee whose position was eliminated (for any reason) with a student employee paid with FWS funds.
 - o Fill jobs that are vacant because the employer's regular employees are on strike
 - Involve the construction, operation, or maintenance of any part of a facility used or to be used for religious worship or sectarian instruction or
 - o Include employment for the U.S. Department of Education.

Student's printed name	Supervisor's printed name	
Student's signature	Supervisor's signature	