

Federal Work Study (FWS)

What is Federal Work Study?

The Federal Work Study (FWS) program is a federally funded aid program designed to help students offset some educational costs not directly associated with their UM student bill. FWS provides part-time employment for students with financial need, allowing them to earn extra money beyond other types of financial aid. Students will earn at least the current minimum wage, up to their maximum award amount. The FWS aid offer is based on information filed on the FAFSA, the student's level of need, and is also based on available funding from the U.S. Department of Education. Please note that the amount of FWS aid offered may be reduced or cancelled if funding is reduced or other types of need-based aid are received that impact the student's eligibility. Once the student accepts the FWS offer, he/she may visit the Student Employment Office for a listing of available work study jobs at <https://jobs.montevallo.edu/>. FWS aid offers are cancelled if a job is not secured by the student within the first 30 days of the designated term or the initial award offer once the designated term has begun in order for additional students to be awarded.

How do I accept or decline my aid offer?

Go to the UM website: <https://www.montevallo.edu/>

- Scroll to the bottom, and click **"Student Resources"**
 - > **"Resources"**
 - > **"Banner Self Service"**
 - Login with your **"Username and Password"**
- Click the **"Financial Aid"** tab
 - Select **"Award"**
 - Select **"Award for Aid Year"**, choose the desired aid year, and **'Submit'**
- Click the **"Resources/Additional Information"** tab
 - Read through and the **Title IV** (federal grants/loans/FWS) **Authorization** information and select accept or decline from the dropdown box.
- Click the **"Terms and Conditions"** tab
 - Select the [Terms and Conditions of Award](#) hyperlink to read/review before accepting – these conditions govern your financial aid offer. Submission of acceptance, certifies understanding and agreement to these terms.
- Click the **"Accept Award Offer"** tab to accept/decline aid offer(s)

What are my next steps?

- Go to the Student Employment website, <https://www.montevallo.edu/about-um/student-employment-office/find-campus-job/>, for available job positions and then apply for the job(s) of interest.
- Complete the interview/hiring process with the appropriate supervisor. The supervisor will then send the Student Personnel Action Form (SPAF) to the Student Employment Office.
- The Student Aid Office will work with the Student Employment Office to verify the FWS aid offer.

- The Student Employment Office will then contact the student via UM email with attached new employee paperwork for the student to complete. In this email the student will be instructed to make an appointment with the Student Employment Office representative.
- The Student Employment Office representative will then send the student and appropriate supervisor an email giving approval to start work.

You are now ready to begin work!