



# 2026-2027 Federal Work Study Program

## WHAT IS FEDERAL WORK STUDY?

Federal Work-Study Program (FWS) is a federally funded program that enables qualifying Merritt Students to earn money through part-time employment:

- Jobs are located on Merritt Campus
- FWS program allows students to gain work experience
- Wages will be at least minimum wage

## WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED?

- Must have completed the 2026-2027 FAFSA (on-line); have submitted all required verification documents as requested by the financial aid office and file completed at the campus level
- Merritt College must be your Home School (where your Major of Study is housed)
- Must be enrolled in and maintain 6 or more units during the regular school year
- Must be in a good Academic Standing:
  - GPA of 2.0 or higher
  - Not in Academic Petition Status
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must possess the following:
  - Valid California ID or Driver's License
  - Social Security Card
  - Permanent Residence Card (aka: Green Card) IF applicable

## HOW TO APPLY AND WHAT HAPPENS AFTER?

- If you have **MET** all of the qualifying requirements as outlined above, then complete and submit the attached **Federal Work Study Employment Application**, along with a **Resume**, and a current **Unofficial Peralta College Transcript** to Merritt's Financial Aid Office.
- Your application will be reviewed and you will be **notified via your Email** within 30 days regarding the status of your application.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- **Not all applicants are awarded FWS Funds, this is a federal program and funding is limited. FWS is offered on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis and in addition, students with the greater remaining financial need will be given priority.**
- **Eligible applicants are only referred to prospective hiring departments. Students are required to schedule interviews with the hiring department. Job placement is not guaranteed.**