

Portland State University Federal Work-Study

Community Service Opportunities



..an opportunity to make a difference



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America Reads and America Counts!

You can help public school students learn to read or to improve math skills. Earn \$10.00/hour while tutoring children in reading or math. It is an opportunity to have a real impact in the community.

These are only a sampling
of the jobs that have
been available in the past.

What is Community Service Federal Work-Study?

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program provides eligible undergraduate and graduate students with part-time employment to help meet their financial needs and gives them work experience while serving the surrounding communities. Community Service Federal Work-Study are jobs in the community that are designed to engage a student in improving the quality of life for community residents, particularly low-income individuals, or to address issues such as: literacy training, social services, housing and neighborhood improvement, public safety, recreation, "at-risk" youth, and community improvement.

Why Should I Choose to Work in a Community Service Work-Study Job?

While earning your FWS dollars, you have the opportunity to do work that is beneficial to your community and you gain experience in nonprofit, community service, and government organizations.

Types of Jobs

These are only a sampling of opportunities that existed this past year: "America Counts" Tutor, "America Reads" Tutor, Environments Support, Human Services Assistant - Adolescent Unit, Office Assistant, Assistant Teen Outreach Worker, Early Childhood Ed., Chemistry Work-Study, Earth Science Work-Study, Featured Exhibits Work-study, Physical Science Work-Study, Life Science Work-Study, Social Service Specialist, Social Services Assistant—Foster Care Program or Adolescent Unit, Outreach Coordinator, Volunteer Program Coordinator, Activity Coordinator, Community Development Data Management Assistant, SMART Reading Partner, Parole & Probation Office Assistant, etc.

Salaries range from \$7.25 to \$12.50 per hour

What Students Say about their Federal Work-Study Community Service Jobs

- "I have learned how valuable it is to have a job that you feel good about and that is fulfilling."
- "At the end of the day, I can go home knowing that I made a difference. My work affects people and the results are right there in front of me."
- "When I first came to the Career Center, I thought 'Community Service Jobs – no big deal.' [But] I realize that working at (organization), I am really helping and getting through..."
- "My position reminds me of how many people need me, or someone to be a part of their lives, to be a bright spot through challenging times."
- "I am really enjoying the work that I do....I get so caught up in it!"
- "(The supervisor).. gave me the reins and let me go!! It's my project."
- "This is definitely not a job where you can sit and do your homework. But at the same time, it doesn't always feel like work. I can't imagine not doing a community service job for my work-study. The feeling I get from this work is the same as when I volunteer. Who could ask for a more rewarding job?"
- "I love my job. It has given me focus and direction and I now know that I want to continue with this kind of work."

**A diverse group of employers hire Community Service FWS students.
Here are just some of the organizations who are ready to hire PSU students now!**

Clackamas Women's Services, Community Energy Project, Buckman Elementary School, D.A. Grout Elementary School, Host Development, Inc., Insights Teen Parent Program, Lincoln High School, Northeast Community Child Development Center, OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry), Oregon Children's Foundation/SMART, Oregon Council for the Humanities, Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Literacy, Inc., Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center, Oregon Social Learning Center, Portland Impact, REACH Community Development, Rose City Park Elementary, Sabin Elementary, Share, Inc., Sunnyside Environmental School, Vernon Elementary School, Washington County Community Corrections, Women's Community Education Project, Woodmere Elementary School.

If you are interested in working for a non-profit or government agency and we don't have a contract with that particular organization, it may be possible to set one up if federal guidelines are met.