Federal Work Study: Tackling the Work Wall Strategies and Best Practices

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Since the onset of the pandemic, spending FWS funds have been a struggle for many financial aid offices.

TASFAA has organized a panel of FWS experts to discuss how schools can utilize job fairs, community service agencies, increased wages, COD reporting and best practices to help get students to work and schools to spend those allocated funds before FISAP time.

With the new FWS reporting requirements through COD, how did your institution handle the reporting process?

Were there any issues with the process that required COD assistance or were you able to navigate/troubleshoot internally?

How many students are currently utilizing their FWS award at your institution?



Since 2020, what any issues that you have experienced in the past or currently when trying to get students to work?

What did you do to resolve those issues?



Has your institution experienced any issues with meeting the 7% of FWS funds for community service?

What type of community service agencies does your institution partner with?

Do you have partnerships with your campus Career Services Office?

If so, what strategies can you share?



Does your institution have a JLD (Job Location & Development) program?



What are some strategies that you utilize to advertise work study or other student employment opportunities?



Does your institution have a job fair for FWS students?

Does your institution increase a student's FWS award to allow them to earn more assuming the student still has unmet need?

Does your institution pay more than minimum wage for FWS jobs?

Does your institution have a tiered pay scale?



What type of software does your institution use for listing jobs or submitting timesheets to payroll?



What are other strategies or best practices that your institution has implemented that has resulted in an increase in FWS employment?



Thank you!

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