ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

Federal Work-Study Program

Student Employment Handbook

2025-2026

Student Financial Aid Office

Welcome and Congratulations!

Welcome to your new position with the office of Student Financial Aid, a part of the Alamo Colleges District community. We are excited you've decided to begin a learning enriched experience as a Work-Study Employee.

The Federal Work-Study Program is a type of student aid that is designed to allow students the ability to earn wages while attending classes at one of our Alamo Colleges. Students will develop leadership qualities and attain workforce skill sets that are essential and align to the institutional mission and goals. "To end poverty through education and training".

This Work Study Handbook is your guide to the policies, procedures, guidelines and general information about the Federal Work-Study Program. The guidelines have been developed to meet the needs of the programs student workers and assigned supervisors.

The program has recognized the importance of part-time employment as a supplement to the students' financial resources, growth in personal education and preparation for the future working world. As a result, The Student Financial Aid Offices have developed several opportunities for students to earn their Work Study awards throughout the campuses and support offices.

We truly appreciate your involvement in this program. It is our hope that this handbook provides you with basic information that allows us to create a positive and effective partnership.

Sincerely,

The Offices of Student Financial Aid

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- Student Agreement
- Task Description

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Federal Work-Study Campus Contacts

Student Financial Aid	Email	Phone Number
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SPC - Jessica Cruz	jsalas93@alamo.edu	210-486-2274
PAC - Magda Garza	mgarza1@alamo.edu	210-486-3606
NVC - Cameron Schmoker	cschmoker2@alamo.edu	210-486-4566
NLC - Allie Price	aprice72@alamo.edu	210-486-5437

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

"Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" of 1974, is commonly known as **FERPA**. The Alamo Colleges District adheres and complies with the provisions outlined in the law. The law is designed to:

- Protect educational records.
- Establish the rights of students.
- Provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate and misleading data.

As an employee of the Alamo Colleges, you as a work-study student will be held with complying with the provisions of the law.

Depending on the job task, you as a work-study employee may come into a situation where FERPA law applies. Knowing what data is allowable or forbidden for release is vital; therefore, as a work-study employee you are responsible for learning the FERPA regulations. Data that may be released is called directory information. Such items are considered as directory information: Student's name, dates of attendance, major, classification, enrollment status (full-time or part-time), previously attended institution(s), degree(s) awarded, academic honors/awards. Items that can never be identified as directory information are a student's social security number or institutional identification number, address, telephone number, date of birth, race/ethnicity, citizenship, nationality, gender, grades, grade point average or class schedule. Students may place a directory hold on any or all this information by contacting the Student Services Department at their college. You as a work-study employee are responsible for learning the technical process at their work site to ensure you are in compliance with the law.

Additional information of FERPA and Alamo Colleges District policy and procedures can be found at: https://www.alamo.edu/about-us/compliance/ferpa/.

WORK SCHEDULE

Work Hours

A Maximum of 38 hours per pay period, or 19 hours per week (NO EXCEPTIONS), are allowed based on financial need determined by FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS).

The work schedule is determined between the supervisor and the work-study student. The immediate supervisor is encouraged to initiate the work-schedule discussion on or before the first day of work by asking the student about their class schedule, upcoming events and other related educational obligations that may arise during the semester.

Students are not permitted to work during established, assigned, or scheduled class times or events. If hours are clocked during such periods, written justification from the student, supervisor and class professor will be required and must be submitted for approval to campus Student Financial Aid Office contact.

Requests for any type of leave should be made to the supervisor or designated staff in advance, if possible, or the department policy and procedure governing such action must be followed.

Beginning and Ending Dates

Work-Study students may begin work on the first day of classes of the semester, if eligibility is met. The final day of work each semester is the last day of the academic semester. Only students with secured enrollment for the subsequent semester may be considered for employment for the following semester.

Meal and Comfort Breaks

Work-study students are eligible for a fifteen (15) minute break and a thirty (30) minute unpaid lunch break for every four (4) hours worked. An hour unpaid lunch break is encouraged for students who work eight (8) hours or more in one day. Supervisors are to clarify meal and break times that meet the needs of both the agency and the students. Students may not work more than ten (10) hours in one day shift.

Pay Rate

The hourly rate for all work-study jobs is \$16.29 per hour. Effective September 1, 2025, pay rate will increase to \$16.78 per hour as approved by the Alamo Colleges District Board.

Enrollment

All students must maintain enrollment in at least six (6) credit hours at their home college. These enrollment hours must all be listed within your Degree Plan (CPOS/POS).

EXPECTATIONS OF WORK-STUDY STUDENTS

Work-study students working on campus or with an ACD support office are expected to maintain a high level of professionalism. Your supervisor should establish and set forth all expectations for their work study students. This is to include work attire, performance, call-out process ETC.... Below are general expectations regarding workplace etiquette and behaviors that most employers expect to employ new hires to exhibit.

Acceptable behavior

As an employee of an on-campus department of support office, students, staff and visitors will view a work-study student as a professional who represents the department. Self-monitoring of behavior is critical. Behavior that is acceptable in other settings, such as those in a social setting are not always appropriate and may not be suitable in the workplace.

Appropriate Dress for Your Work Setting

Inquire about dress and grooming (including hairstyle) expectations when initially meeting with your supervisor to discuss your work schedule. Remain mindful that work-study students represent the department.

Attendance

The departments and the students served depend on a regular schedule, making regular attendance at work is a priority. Punctuality, arriving at work and returning from scheduled breaks are critical for the operation of the department. Any deviation from the regularly scheduled hours must be discussed prior to the change of hours with the supervisor. Explaining an absence or reason for tardiness after the event is not acceptable professional behavior.

The supervisor recognizes that work-study students at times might need to deviate from their work schedule to get extra studying completed or to finish a class project. These requests must be discussed with the supervisor with sufficient notice, at least a week or several days beforehand.

If you are going to be absent due to illness or emergency, you must speak with your supervisor or designee at least a half hour before the start of the scheduled work time.

Confidentiality

Work-study students should avoid trying to discover information not needed to complete a work-related task. Respect students' and co-workers' privacy by not reading faxes or email, computer screens, or mail that are not shared. As a member of a department, refrain from discussing students', individuals, cases or sensitive information outside of the department. Additionally, department documents, files, and other written materials should not be taken from the premises.

Work-study students should refrain from posting photographs of students or of themselves at work with other students or photographs of co-workers on social media.

Language

In the workplace, students need to be thoughtful of language as they interact with coworkers, visitors and students. Profanity is not appropriate regardless of the situation. Writing and speaking in complete sentences prevents miscommunication. Always address co-workers, visitors and students by their last name, unless invited to refer to them by their first name.

Work-Study Student should remain respectful of others preferred pronouns and share selfpreferred pronouns.

Personal Business

Take care of personal business, such as making or taking personal phone calls, texting messages, or sending emails before arriving at work or during your breaks, away from coworkers, guests or students.

Professional Relationships

As a Work-Study student, one of the students' objectives is to meet and get to know professionals who may later offer a job, refer the student to another place of employment or who may agree to serve as a reference. Every effort should be made to impress the professionals with whom the student makes contact. Work to build and maintain a healthy working relationship with individuals at work.

Supervision

Work-study students are required to always have supervision and should always know how to reach out to their supervisor in the event guidance or information is needed. A work-study should not be left physically unattended or 'in charge" of the department.

If you, as a work-study, are ever left unsupervised or asked to part-take in full-time employee duties, please contact the work study financial aid advisor at your home campus immediately.

Tardiness

Students are expected to arrive on time for their work-study assignment. If you are running late to work, call to notify the supervisor at least a half-hour before the scheduled start time, or as soon as possible.

Office Updates

Work study work and assignments for the Fall 202 and Spring 202 semesters will continue to operate via-in-person, remote and hybrid work. Supervisors must ensure students have all access and technology equipment needed to complete their assignments. Supervisors will establish a method to ensure students are supervised and work is accounted for while students are working remotely.

Work-Study Students who will be working in person or hybrid are not allowed to work in the following capacities:

- Used in a janitorial role
- Used to set up or take down event equipment
- Used to clean and sanitize offices, tables, phones, walls etc. other than the students assigned workspace
- o Working in the office by themselves unsupervised

COMPENSATION

Calendar

The Alamo College operates under a two-week, bi-weekly pay-period system. Each pay period runs from the 1st through the 15th and the 16th to the last day of the month. Pay days are every 15th of the month and the last day of the month. Pay will be on the day prior to a weekend or holiday should the 15th or end of the month land on a weekend or holiday.

WTE Calendar Due Dates

Pay Period	Due Date	Pay Date	Payroll Sequence
8/16/2025-8/31/2025	TBD	TBD	SL17
9/1/2025-9/15/2025			SL18
9/16/2025-09/30/2025			SL19
10/1/2025-10/15/2025			SL20
10/16/2025-10/31/2025			SL21
11/1/2025-11/15/2025			SL22
11/16/2025-11/30/2025			SL23
12/1/2025-12/15/2025			SL24
12/16/2025-12/31/2025			SL1
1/1/2026-1/15/2026			SL2
1/16/2026-1/31/2026			SL3
2/1/2026-2/15/2026			SL4
2/16/2026-2/28/2026			SL5
3/1/2026-3/15/2026			SL6
3/16/2026-3/31/2026			SL7
4/1/2026-4/15/2026			SL8
4/16/2026-4/30/2026			SL9
5/1/2026-5/15/2026			SL10
5/16/2026-5/31/2026			SL11
6/1/2026-6/15/2026			SL12
6/16/2026-6/30/2026			SL13
7/1/2026-7/15/2026			SL14
7/16/2026-7/31/2026			SL15
8/1/2026-8/15/2026			SL16
8/16/2026-8/31/2026			SL17

Timesheet

Timesheets are used to record the hours and number of hours worked. A Web Time Entry (WTE) submission via your ACES is required for a paycheck to be generated after each pay period. Work-study students must complete an electronic timesheet daily to avoid misreporting of actual hours worked. The completed WTE timesheet must be submitted within two (2) business days at the end of a pay period. The department supervisor will review for accuracy and approve the students' WTE submission before the deadline of each pay period.

Failure to submit timesheets on time will result in your department temporarily being suspended from the Work-Study program.

Web Time Entry (WTE)

The method of recording work hours is an online system known as the Web-Time Entry (WTE)

Program.

Work-study students will access their time sheets by following these steps:

- Log into www.alamo.edu
- Select the ACES link on the top margin of the page
- Sign in using your ACES User ID and Password
- Click on the Employee Tab
- Click on Web Services
- Click on the Employee Link
- Click on the Timesheet link
- Select the current Pay Period

A tutorial video on the WTE Process is available:

- Log onto www.alamo.edu
- Select the ACES link on the top margin of the page
- Sign in using your ACES User ID and Password
- Click on the Employee Tab
- Scroll down the middle of the page to find the tutorial videos

Payroll Contact Information

Please contact Payroll at <u>dst-BannerPayroll@alamo.edu</u> or 210-485-0370 to resolve any payroll issues. Must email payroll through student employee email and include your mane & Banner ID.

Direct Deposit

Students are eligible to establish direct deposits to receive their wages. Students should have established direct deposit with the HR department during the new hire paperwork. If direct deposit was not set up, please contact the payroll for assistance.

Important Dates			
Mon., Aug 25, 2025	First Day of Semester / First Day of Work		
Mon., Sept. 01, 2025	Labor Day / ACD Closed		
Thurs., Nov 27, - Sun., Nov 30, 2025	Thanksgiving Break / ACD Closed		
Sat., Dec 13, 2025	Last Day of Fall Semester / Last Day of Work		
Mon., Dec. 22, 2025 - Sun., Jan. 4, 2026	Winter Break / ACD Closed		
Mon., Jan. 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr. Day / ACD Closed		
Tues., Jan. 20, 2026	First Day of Spring Semester / First Day of Work		
Mon., March 9 - Fri., March 13, 2026	Spring Break / ACD Closed		
Tues., March 31, 2026	Cesar Chavez Holiday / ACD Closed		
Fri., April 3, 2026	Easter Holiday / ACD Closed		
Fri., April 24, 2026	Fiesta Friday / ACD Closed		
Sat., May 16, 2026	Last day of Spring Semester / Last Day of Work		
Mon., May 25, 2026	Memorial Day / ACD Closed		
Mon., June 8, 2026	First Day of Summer Session / First Day of Work		
Thurs., June 18, 2026	Juneteenth / ACD Closed		
Mon., July 6, 2026	Independence Day / ACD Closed		

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Continuing Employment

Work-study students may continue within the same position in subsequent enrollment periods if they and the employer maintain work-study program eligibility and the employers offer the position again.

- Most work-study awards are made for the Fall and Spring semesters. Some awards may be held for only one semester. The Student Financial Aid Office can verify and confirm students' eligibility to supervisors.
- A separate award is given for the summer sessions, based on a student's eligibility.
- A new FAFSA must be completed, submitted, and processed each academic year to confirm continued student need and eligibility for the work-study program.
- Work-Study students may work only during the terms in which they are enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours within their degree plan (CPOS/POS).

Fall semester: August-DecemberSpring semester: January-MaySummer Sessions: June-August

End of Job Date Termination

- Work-study students may work until the last day of the semester, unless the students' allocation has been met prior to the end date
- Employment during times on non-enrollment must be approved by the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Student Terminating Employment

- Work-study students can terminate their work-study employment at any time.
- To initiate a termination, a written notice by the student must be submitted to the Supervisor.
- Primary or Alternate Supervisor must notify the college Student Financial Aid contact.
- The Work-Study student must submit the final Wed Time Entr electronic timesheet on the last day of employment.
- The work-study student may re-apply for a different work-study position during the same semester.
- Please contact HR and Student Financial Aid for further instructions for placement.

Summer Employment Requirements

- Students must have enrollment in summer sessions for a minimum of 3 credit hours within the student's degree plan (CPOS/POS) at their home campus.
- Have a completed FAFSA (including all requirements) and be enrolled for the upcoming academic year.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Transferring Jobs

Students looking to transfer must contact their Student Financial Aid Advisor to initiate request. Students must stop working immediately at current positions to allow transfer requests to be reviewed.

Students must submit new Student Agreement prior to the release of authorized start date.

DISCIPLINE

If Disciplinary action is required because of unsatisfactory performance, poor attendance, excessive tardiness or misconduct, the following process will be utilized:

Notify the appropriate HR Partner to begin an oral Discussion and Recommendation.
 Suggestions for improving performance of changing behavior will be offered.

College	HR Partner	Email	Extension
HR Partner - SAC	Andrea Alvarez	alavarez293@alamo.edu	60306
HR Partner - SPC	Sandra Torres	storres304@alamo.edu	63904
HR Partner - PAC	Lorrisa Gibson	lgibson29@alamo.edu	64892
HR Partner - NVC	Jacob Wong	jwong19@alamo.edu	50231
HR Partner - NLC	Sandra Torres	storres304@alamo.edu	64892
HR Partner ACD Branches	Jacob Wong	jwong19@alamo.edu	50231

- A formal written Disciplinary Notice, prepared by the Office of Human Resources, will be discussed with the work-study student. The notice will detail: the problem, action to correct the problem, the time period for resolution, and the consequence if the problem is not resolved. The Disciplinary Notice is shared with the Office of Human Resources.
- If the Disciplinary Notice does not resolve the problem, the HR Partner will discharge the work-study student from the employment.
- Major offenses such as insubordination, assault, or theft are grounds for immediate discharge.

Risk Management

If a student is injured for any reason while on the job and clocked in, please ensure that the student seeks medical attention quickly. The department supervisor will need to contact he Financial Aid Advisor and HR Risk Management Director Michael Legg at 210-485-0206 or mlegg2@alamo.edu to ensure a full report is documented within 24 hours of incident.

Research policy on heavy equipment, hazard material

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ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT POLICIES

It is the policy of the Alamo Colleges to provide an educational, employment and business environment free of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on protected criteria. Students and employees are responsible for maintaining an educational environment free of discrimination, harassment, retaliation and complying with all policies. Alamo Colleges is committed to promoting the goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of its operations and educational programs and activities. The policies addressed in this document are subject to resolution using the Civil Rights Complaint and Resolution Procedure H.1.2.1, regardless of the status of the parties involved, whether members of the campus community, students, student organizations, faculty, administrators, or staff.

For the complete version of each policy introduced below, click on

https://www/alamo.edu.siteassets/district/about-us/leadership/board-of-trustees/policies-pdfs/section-h/h.1.2-policy.pdf

To report a concern regarding any of these policies, please contact the HR partner at your campus.

1. College District Policy on Nondiscrimination

Alamo Colleges adheres to all federal and state civil rights laws banning discrimination,

harassment, and retaliation in public institutions of higher education and the workplace. Alamo Colleges will not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, student or applicant for admission on the basis of race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, national origin (including ancestry), citizenship status, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, veteran or military status (including special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran, or recently separated veteran), predisposing genetic characteristics, domestic violence victim status, any other protected category under applicable local, state or federal law, or persons who have opposed discrimination or participated in any complaint process on campus or before a government agency. Students and employees are required to comply with this policy. Retaliation in any form for having brought a complaint or report of discrimination or harassment based on any protected criteria, including sex and gender, is expressly prohibited.

2. College District Policy on Disability Discrimination and Accommodations

Alamo Colleges is committed to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibit discrimination against qualified persons with disabilities, as well as other federal and state laws pertaining to individuals with disabilities. Under the ADA and its amendments, a person has a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, such as hearing, seeing, speaking, breathing, performing manual tasks, walking, or caring for oneself.

3. College District Policy on Discriminatory Harassment

Students, staff, administrators, and faculty are entitled to a respectful working and educational environment, and Alamo Colleges is committed to providing a work and educational environment free of harassment based on protected class.

4. Sexual Harassment

Federal and Texas law regard sexual harassment as a form of sex/gender discrimination and, therefore, as an unlawful discriminatory practice. Sexual harassment consists of:

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual/gender nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, educational environment, or academic status, (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis of employment, educational, or academic decisions affecting such individual, or (3) such conduct is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent that it has the effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work, educational environment, or academic performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, educational, [residential] and/or social environment.

Consensual Relationships – Employees, Officials

The College District seeks to maintain a professional educational and work environment.... Romantic or sexual relationships between trustees and students and between employees and their subordinates or students over whom they exercise authority are prohibited whether they result in sexual harassment.

Sexual Misconduct

Sexual misconduct is a broad term used to encompass unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that is prohibited by Title IX and Alamo Colleges. Sexual Misconduct includes, but is not limited to, behaviors often described as sexual harassment, sex/gender discrimination, sexual assault, rape, stalking, and relationship violence (including domestic and dating violence).

5. College District Policy on Other Civil Rights Offenses

The following conduct is prohibited by College District Policy:

- (a)Threatening or causing physical harm...
- (b)Intimidation...
- (c)Hazing...
- (d)Bullying...
- (e) Violence between those in an intimate relationship...

- (f)Dating Violence...
- (g)Domestic Violence...
- (h)Stalking...
- (i)Hate Crimes...

6. College District Policy on Retaliation

Retaliation is defined as any adverse action taken against a person participating in a protected activity because of their participation in that protected activity. Retaliation against an individual for alleging harassment, supporting a complainant or for assisting in providing information relevant a claim of harassment is a serious violation of College District policy and will be treated as another possible instance of harassment or discrimination.

7. Recognizing the Signs of Abusive Behavior and How to Avoid Potential Attacks
Alamo Colleges is committed to a safe and supportive learning and working
environments for all students, staff, faculty, and visitors. We are dedicated to creating
an environment that fosters safety for all by preventing and responding to incidents
that are disruptive, threatening, abusive or violent.

8. Safe and Positive Options for Bystanders

A bystander is someone who sees a situation but may or may not know what to do, may think others will act or may be afraid to do something. Intervening in abusive or potentially violent behavior first requires an ability to identify the warning signs and then consider whether the situation demands action. Before getting involved, the priority is to evaluate safe and positive ways to act to prevent or intervene. If the situation is already violent or is escalating quickly, do not directly intervene. Call the police.

9.Civil Rights Harassment/Discrimination & Sexual Violence Primary Prevention & Awareness

The Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees recognizes that prevention is a primary tool to help eliminate complaints of civil rights-based harassment, discrimination; and retaliation conditions. Therefore, the Chancellor or designee shall take all necessary steps to prevent and eliminate sexual harassment...

FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED

The Alamo Colleges District is transitioning to Dynamic form to cut back on paper waste.

• Before a department may request or hire a student, the Department Supervisor must complete the **Federal Work Study Task Description** form. This online form will be routed to the chosen Financial Aid Advisor for their campus for approval.

https://federation.ngwebsolutions.com/sp/startSSO.ping?Partnerldpld=login.alamo.edu&SpSessionAuthnAdapterld=alamoDF&TargetResource=https%3a%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2f4eb34870-edec-46d2-b88e-ccc951e895cb

• Once the Task Description form is completed and the department has selected the student they would like to hire, the student must submit a Federal Work-Study Student Agreement. This agreement will route to the department Supervisor, as input by the student on the form, for approval. Once completed, it will be routed to the designated college Student Financial Aid Lead Advisor this is listed on the form. This form will allow the Student Financial Aid office and HR office to set up the student's Employee Tab on ACES. Supervisors will not be given an authorized start date until the Federal Work-Study Student Agreement is received.

https://federation.ngwebsolutions.com/sp/startSSO.ping?Partnerldpld=login.alamo.edu&SpSessionAuthnAdapterld=alamoDF&TargetResource=https%3a%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2f319a60a7-8f18-4f8a-a8cd-a32a2ede07af

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