

Virginia Line of Duty

Students whose parent or spouse was disabled or killed in the line of duty while employed or serving as a public safety officer or firefighter with the Commonwealth of Virginia or one of its political subdivisions shall be entitled to free undergraduate tuition and the payment of required fees under certain conditions.

For more information on how repeat courses may affect a student's financial aid, visit: <http://www.jmu.edu/finaid/termsandconditions.shtml#sec14>.

Student Employment

<http://www.jmu.edu/stuempjob>

JMU employs both graduate and undergraduate students in academic, administrative or service-oriented areas. Students must be degree-seeking and enrolled on at least a half-time basis during the academic year to be employed in these positions. They receive payment for their services via direct deposit twice a month. Wages earned in student positions are not applied directly toward the cost of tuition; however, they serve as a source of income for weekly living expenses. There are three work programs at JMU.

Federal Work-Study Program

Federal Work-Study jobs are part of the financial aid package for students who demonstrate financial need as determined by their FAFSA. Students who are offered Federal Work-Study will need to apply and interview with employers to secure a position; however, employment is not guaranteed. These jobs provide a student with the opportunity to earn a paycheck throughout the year. The money earned through this program is not counted as income when the student applies for financial aid next year if the student reports FWS earned on the FAFSA.

Institutional Employment

Institutional employment positions are on-campus positions available to degree-seeking JMU students regardless of financial need. To obtain additional information concerning available on-campus positions, refer to JobLink at <http://joblink.jmu.edu>. There are approximately 2,000 Institutional Employment positions available on campus each year. Students may not work more than 20 hours per week in any on-campus position during the fall and spring semesters.

Off-Campus Part-Time Jobs

The Off-Campus Part-Time Job Program is designed to assist students in securing off-campus, part-time employment regardless of their financial aid eligibility. The program's coordinator works with local employers to promote hiring JMU students and to assist with advertising their opportunities. Additionally, the program is centered on creating real-world experiences for students that will not only increase self-knowledge but also develop marketable skills that will provide a solid foundation for securing career options beyond graduation.

University Withdrawal

If students withdraw from the university, the University Business Office may adjust their charges based upon their withdrawal date and the JMU Refund Policy. For the university refund policy, refer to the University Business Office.

Regardless of any adjustment to a student's charges, if he/she withdraws from the university, financial aid may be adjusted based on the percentage of the semester completed before withdrawal. In some cases, Federal Return of Title IV Funds regulations may require that aid be returned to the federal government for students who withdraw from JMU before 60 percent of a term has been completed. Financial aid is awarded for the entire term, which is generally a 15-week period during the fall and spring semesters. If a student does not complete the entire 15 weeks, then the Return of Title IV Fund rules will determine how much financial aid has been earned. In summer school, only the modules the student is scheduled to attend are used in the Return of Title IV Fund calculations.

The student can keep the earned amount for the term, but the unearned portion must be immediately returned to the federal government. In some situations, this will leave the student with a balance owed to the university. Funds are returned to the federal government in the following order: Unsubsidized Direct, Subsidized Direct, Perkins, Grad PLUS, Parent PLUS, Pell and SEOG. For a sample calculation, see JMU Terms and Conditions for Financial Aid – Consumer Information at <http://www.jmu.edu/finaid>.

Additionally, the VGAP, Commonwealth Award, JMU Grant and University Grant programs follow the same Federal Return of Title IV Funds calculation when determine how much assistance a student is allowed to keep upon withdrawing from JMU.