Dear Student,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Federal Work-Study (FWS) program. The FWS program is a federally funded student employment program designed to assist students in meeting their educational expenses through part-time employment. You may review Frequently Asked Questions and Answers to learn more about the program.

If you are interested in participating in the FWS program please print the FWS Work Authorization form listed under ‘My Documents’ in the Financials area of Testudo under the ‘Financial Aid Inquiry’ link. The FWS Work Authorization form must be completed by you and your employer and submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) before you may begin working. You may fax the FWS Work Authorization form to 301-314-9587 or mail to 0102 Lee Building, College Park, MD, 20742.

The FWS program office will be holding FWS Student Orientation sessions. Please view the FWS Student Orientation Schedule located on the FWS web site. Attendance is mandatory for new FWS students and is recommended for returning FWS students. These orientation sessions will provide more information about the program rules and regulations. FWS students must adhere to the FWS regulations as stated on the FWS Work Authorization form and the FWS Student Handbook.

Beginning in August, you may search for and secure a job with a FWS approved employer through the FWS website. Please go to www.financialaid.umd.edu/FWS and click on “Search for a Job” for a listing of available jobs. Students are authorized to begin employment on August 22, 2010. The web site also contains tips on resume writing and interview preparation.

Again, welcome to the Federal Work-Study program. If at any time you have questions about the program, please call the FWS line at 301-314-5302 or email fws-admin@umd.edu.

Sincerely,

Federal Work-Study Program
Office of Student Financial Aid