

Free Match

UMaine has established a fund, commonly know as “Free-Match”, to be used as the 25% matching share of on-campus employment for Federal Work Study (FWS) wages. Please note “Free-Match” dollars will be limited to students who are paid through E&G accounts and can no longer be used for students who are being paid with grant or research accounts.

**THE ALLOCATION FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT IS
\$1,500.00*.**

This means that your department can hire any combination of students whose Work Study awards TOTAL \$6,000.00.

***EXAMPLE**

1) FOUR (4) students with \$1,500 of FWS each = \$6,000.00

OR

2) TWO (2) students with \$3,000 of FWS each = \$6,000.00

\$6,000	TOTAL FWS Earnings
X 25%	Matching Share

*** \$1,500** TOTAL "FREE-MATCH" ALLOTMENT

You will be responsible for keeping track of your Free-Match allotment. You will be able to monitor the amount of Free-Match used in Peoplesoft Financials. When you access your office budget in financials you will have a line titled Federal CWS Match with a program code of 57530. As always, it is your department’s responsibility to select the students you wish to be on Free-Match. Simply check the Free-Match section on the authorization form and please put your department account number on the authorization in the required section.

Please contact the Office of Student Employment at 581-1349 if you have any questions.

