



# A Great Job Opportunity to Help a Child Learn!

## THE AMERICA READS/COUNTS PROGRAM

The America Reads/Counts Program is looking for reading tutors for the 2010~2011 academic year. Participating in America Reads/Counts is a great learning opportunity for you to help children succeed in the classroom. With the America Reads/Counts Program you will share a love of reading or mathematics with a child, connect with your off-campus community, gain skills that improve your resume, earn work-study dollars and have a fun and challenging experience. Students can tutor at a number of Chicago Public Schools throughout the city and earn \$12.00 per hour. To see a list of schools that Northeastern Illinois University currently works with, visit the Student Employment Office.

Northeastern invites those students who are eligible for Federal Work-Study and who have 45 credit hours earned to apply for the program. Those applicants selected to be tutors are required to attend an orientation/training session. Simply complete an application with Student Employment to express your interest in being an America Reads/Counts tutor.

For additional information on the America Reads/Counts program, contact Taushonia White, Coordinator of Student Employment at (773) 442-5038.

### FINANCIAL AID MISSION

The Department's Mission is to provide services and programs to all NEIU students in support of their education. Through the services provided, it is the department's intent *to assist students in identifying funding suitable for their educational objectives*. Through the programs provided, it is the department's intent *to educate students on being credit smart in creating a budget, tracking expenditures, managing student loan debt and saving over time*. Title IV Financial Aid programs will be administered with integrity in order to help as many students as funding will permit.

# More Info. about Federal Work- Study...

## **What is Federal Work-Study?**

The Federal Work-Study Program provides jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The federal government and NEIU fund this program. The program encourages community service work and work related to your course of study.

## **So, how do I find a job if I am awarded work-study funds?**

It is your responsibility to find a job if you are awarded work-study funds. The Student Employment Office, located in the basement of the D Building, posts openings for on-campus and off-campus jobs. The Student Employment Office will assist you in applying for any position you are qualified for and interested in.

## **How much will I make?**

Your Federal Work-Study salary will be at least the current federal minimum wage, but it may be higher, depending on the type of work you do and the skills required. Tutors for the America Reads/Counts Program are paid \$8.00 an hour. The amount you earn can't exceed your total Federal Work-Study award.

## **How will I be paid?**

Federal Work-Study students are paid by the hour. Payroll periods are twice a month based on timesheets submitted. Most departments have a central "pick up" area where students can sign for and receive their paychecks. America Reads/Counts tutors pick up their paychecks from the Student Employment Office.

## **Are Federal Work-Study jobs on campus or off campus?**

Both. If you work on campus, you'll usually work for the university. If you work off campus, your employer will usually be a private nonprofit organization or a public agency, and the work performed must be in the public interest.

## **Benefits of Federal Work Study vs. Regular Part-time Job**

First, money earned at a regular part-time job is considered income for the current year. Money earned from a work-study job, is considered financial aid and is not counted as part of your income when applying for aid in the next year. Second, most FWS jobs are on-campus and recognize the needs of students. Employers of work-study students arrange your work schedule around your course schedule.

*See reverse side for more information about the America Reads/Counts Program*