The America Reads/Counts Program is looking for reading and math tutors for the 2015-2016 academic year. Participating in America Reads/Counts is a great learning opportunity for Northeastern students to help children succeed in the classroom. With the America Reads/Counts Program students will NETWORK with your off-campus community, EARN $12.00 an hour in work-study dollars, INTEGRATE a love of reading or mathematics with a child and UTILIZE skills that improve the resume. Students can tutor at a number of Chicago Public Schools throughout the City of Chicago. Northeastern students tutored at the following schools for 2014-2015:

- Budlong Elementary
- Murphy Elementary
- Peterson Elementary

Northeastern invites students who are eligible for Federal Work-Study and who have 45 credit hours earned to apply for the program. Applicants are required to attend an orientation session with the Student Employment Office. Students 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 Maria Lebron Figueroa, Coordinator of Student Employment at (773) 442-4697.
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. Eligibility is determined by completing the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA. The program encourages community service work and work related to course of study.

So, how do students find a job if they are awarded work-study funds?
The Student Employment Office, located in the lower level of the D Building, posts openings for on-campus and off-campus jobs. The Student Employment Office will assist students in applying for any position they qualify for and are interested in using College Central Network (https://www.collegecentral.com/neiu/).

How much can students earn?
Federal Work-Study salary will be at least the current Federal minimum wage, but it may be higher, depending on the type of work and the skills required. Tutors for the America Reads/Counts Program and other off campus community service jobs are paid $12.00 an hour. The amount earned cannot exceed the total Federal Work-Study award which ranges between $5,000 and $7,000 per year.

How will students be paid?
University 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. Students can also sign up for direct deposit with the University’s Payroll department using NEIUport.

Are Federal Work-Study jobs on campus or off campus?
Both - Students can work in any University department on campus that has a Federal Work-Study allocation. Allocations are provided by division by the Financial Aid Office in late spring. Students can also work off campus with America Reads/Counts or private nonprofit, community based organizations.

What are the benefits of Federal Work Study vs. Regular Student Aide?
First, money earned with a regular student aide job is considered income for the current year. Money earned from a work-study job, is considered financial aid and is not counted as income when applying for aid in the next year. Second, money earned with a regular student aide job comes from the department’s operating budget. Money earned from a work-study job comes from the financial aid award. All student employment jobs recognize the needs of students as a priority and arrange student work schedules around coursework.