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\$2.7 MILLION APPROPRIATED TO
MONTANA FOR WORK STUDY PROGRAM

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Funds totaling \$2.7 million have been appropriated for/ the current year to the 12 institutions of higher learning in Montana involved in the Federal Work Study Program.

About 3,000 students throughout Montana who qualify because of financial need are employed under the Work Study program in order to earn money to continue their education.

The nonprofit organizations which employ the students include city, state and federal agencies and colleges and universities.

The University of Montana plans a \$1 million payroll for the current year because of a recent supplementary appropriation of \$239,000 by Congress. About 1,500 UM students will profit from the Work Study program this year.

Launched by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the program has grown to include colleges and universities across the nation, active both during the school year and during the summer.

The school year program is designed to enable students to work 15 hours a week while attending school.

The summer program offers the student a regular work week during three months vacation. Students are performing various tasks for the employing agencies.

Some students work as tutor-counselors for the Upward Bound program, as road workmen for the city streets department, or as secretaries in the county court house. Many young people have an opportunity to work in the field of their major during the summer months, thereby gaining experience for their anticipated career.

The federal government assumes 80% of the students' pay with the employing agency contributing the remaining 20%.

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