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## **Work-Study Program Open To College Student Veterans In Broward**

*Participants Earn Tax-Free Income While Receiving Hands-On Experience & Training*

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Sept. 2, 2016 – CareerSource Broward (CSBD) recognizes the service and sacrifices our Veterans have made to protect the freedom and liberty citizens enjoy every day. As a way to address the income needs of Veterans in Broward County, CSBD is proud to announce that it has been named an official worksite for the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) work-study program.

The program is designed to give military Veteran students – those who receive VA educational benefits and are enrolled in a college degree program – hands-on work experience and training, while also earning a monthly tax-free income to go back to school as part of the Post-9/11 GI Bill or other VA education benefit programs. Participants in the program work up to 25 hours per week alongside CSBD staff assisting Veteran customers with their employment needs and connecting them to available VA services and resources.

“CSBD recognizes the difficulties many Veterans face when transitioning back into civilian life, even as a student,” said Mason C. Jackson, President/CEO of CareerSource Broward. “In addition, many businesses want not just education and job skills, but also experience from potential hires. This program gives Veterans valuable work experience in the civilian market, while supplementing their income, which as students is always helpful. A bonus for them is that they will be helping their fellow Veterans complete their education and getting placed – a winning strategy for everyone.”

The work-study program is available and open to any eligible Veteran who is receiving VA education benefits and attending school three-quarters time or more. Work schedules are arranged between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with flexible hours available.

“The work-study program afforded me the opportunity to aid and assist my fellow Veterans, while flexibly working with my college schedule,” said work-study participant and Veteran Luke Kimbrell. “I am grateful for the knowledge and experience I gained as a result of working in this program, and I would highly recommend it to any individual looking to make a difference in the lives of those who served in the armed forces.”

To learn more about the program, including additional eligibility requirements and how to apply, contact Steven Gustafson, Wagner Peyser & Veterans Program Manager, CareerSource Broward, at [csbdvets@careersourcebroward.com](mailto:csbdvets@careersourcebroward.com).

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