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U.S. News & World Report article based on Student Leader's "Student Government Salary Survey"

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Earn while you learn

The reward of student leadership used to be experience. But random calls to colleges across the country found that more and more student leaders are paid for their services. At Florida Atlantic University, for example, the student-body president receives a \$10,200 salary and a tuition break of up to \$4,600.

Service for pay, a 20-year-old practice at some colleges, is spreading now in part because of rising costs. But student leaders also shoulder heavier duties than they used to: In many schools they run services like the night safety escort and day-care centers for students' children. At Florida Atlantic, a 20,000-student school, the student president oversees a budget of \$2 million, the size of a small business. "If you want competent students leading student government, you have to pay for that," says W. H. "Butch" Oxendine Jr., editor and publisher of *Student Leader* magazine, who notes that potential leaders might otherwise work off campus.

The trend has its detractors. At the College of Wooster in Ohio, where

student leaders work for free, Dean of Students Kenneth Plusquellec worries that "we are changing what traditionally has been an educational experience into just another student job. Part of the educational process entails learning what it means to volunteer for leadership roles." —*Jeannye Thornton*

More than experience
A random sample of undergraduate offices and their salaries



OFFICE	SCHOOL	ANNUAL SALARY
President	Univ. of South Florida	\$8,413
Treasurer	Buffalo (N.Y.) State College	6,760
President	University of Calif.-Davis	5,800
Speaker of Senate	Univ. of Missouri-Columbia	4,245
Senate pro-tempore	Florida State Univ.	3,655
Vice president	University of Texas	2,500
President	University of Mississippi	1,820
Vice president	Colorado College	440

Source: individual colleges