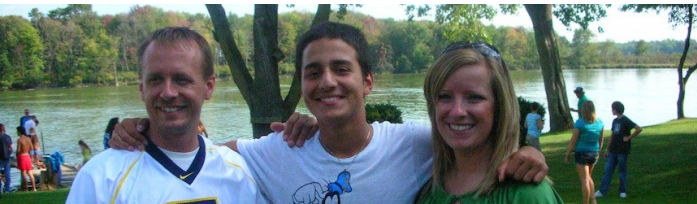




## Housing Exchange Visitors



## BECOME A HOST FAMILY!

### Earn money while making a difference

"I loved having students live with me last summer. I've made some friends for life! We just talked last week on my birthday! I can't wait to host again!" -Chris C. 2017 J-1 Host

Businesses in our area are participating in the Summer Work Travel exchange program by hosting, welcoming and providing summer jobs for these students. **We are looking for individuals or families who are open to hosting students in their home for the summer.**

## Common FAQs



### **Who are the people in the program who come to work here?**

J-1 participants must be enrolled in a university in their home country full time. They are the future teachers, lawyers, and business leaders in their countries. They are highly motivated to get the most out of their experience in the US and often plan and save for this program for years.



### **What is required of a host family? Do I need to provide meals and transportation?**

You are not required to provide meals or transportation, but this is your chance to experience another culture and share yours. It's a great idea to share a meal every now and then or offer to drive someone to work in the rain. Every student must have their own bed and access to kitchen and bathroom facilities.



### **Will I receive financial compensation for hosting an exchange visitor? What about a security deposit or a lease?**

Yes! Students will be employed while in the area and will be able to meet requirements for security deposit and rent. A rental agreement is recommended.



### **What if something goes wrong or I have questions?**

All exchange visitors have their own medical insurance. They also have 24 hour access to support from their visa sponsor, and that's always the first place to reach out to with any issues or questions.



### **Do I get to pick who lives with me? How long will they be here?**

You can work with a sponsor to determine who would best fit in with your situation and/or family. Most exchange visitors stay between 12-16 weeks.



### **How will our family benefit by hosting an exchange visitor?**

Hosting an exchange visitor is a rewarding experience for your whole family. You'll learn about another culture and language — without leaving home. You'll start a life-long relationship with your new "son" or "daughter," and when your student returns home you'll have a friend in another country. If you have children, they'll gain a broader perspective on the world, learning more about geography, communication and international cultures. If your children are young, they'll probably love having a big brother or sister from another country. You will be a citizen diplomat by creating positive impressions about America and Americans, breaking stereotypes, and fostering mutual understanding and respect.

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