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J-1 WORK/TRAVEL PROGRAM participant application

Please attach one
passport photo here

Alliance Abroad Group Participant ID: _____ Name of overseas agency: _____
(Please get this from your local agency)

All sections must be filled in completely in order for your application to be accepted. Please print clearly

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES (Total program duration cannot exceed 4 months)

Arrival Date in the U.S: Day / Month / Year (no more than a week prior to program start date)
Program Start Date: Day / Month / Year (cannot be beyond your vacation dates on your proof of student status and should match with your job start date)
Program End Date: Day / Month / Year (cannot be beyond your vacation dates on your proof of student status and should match with your job end date)
Departure Date from the U.S: Day / Month / Year (no more than 30 days after program end date)

PERSONAL DATA

_____ Last Name First Name Middle Name

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: Day / Month / Year City of Birth: _____

Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Country of Legal Permanent Residency: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

Have you ever participated in the J-1 Work/Travel Program? Yes No If yes, which year(s): _____

Place(s) worked: _____ Position(s): _____ Sponsor(s): _____

Do you have a U.S. Social Security Number? Yes No If yes, what is it? _____ - _____ - _____

Have you ever been denied a visa by a U.S. Embassy.? Yes No

How did you find out about the Alliance Abroad Group J-1 Work/Travel Program?

- Recruiting Fairs www.allianceabroad.com My school
- Friends/Relatives Agency in my country Other: _____

PARTICIPANT'S CONTACT INFORMATION

_____ Current Mailing Address (Not Post Office Box) City/Province Postal Code

Country: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Mobile: _____ Email:* _____ (mandatory)

*Email address must be valid now and also through the whole program so we can reach you.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This is a legal and binding agreement. [Requirements, Qualifications and General Conditions]

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY AND SIGN AFTER COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION. If you have any questions, please ask your local agency or Alliance Abroad Group before you sign these terms and conditions. Voluntary ignorance will not release you of your responsibilities.

Program Purpose: The J-1 Work/Travel Program is an Exchange Visitor Program designed to achieve the educational objectives of international and cultural exchange by involving young adults in the daily life of the host country through temporary employment opportunities and to return home to share their experiences, and to encourage Americans to participate in the educational and cultural programs in other countries.

Eligibility

- I am between the ages of 18 & 28 years.
- I am a full-time student at a post secondary (college or university) institution and will graduate not more than 3 months before I participate in the program.
- I understand that I must be on my official university holiday; I am not allowed to leave school early or return to school late in order to participate in the program.
- I speak and understand English at an intermediate or higher level so that I will be able to succeed on my program. This will be determined by an in-person interview.

Jobs allowed under the program

- I understand that I may not work as a camp counselor, nanny, au pair, housekeeper or helper in a private home, in the hospital or medical field, or work with airplanes on the Work/Travel Program.
- I understand that working for my family or relatives in the U.S. is not allowed.
- I understand that I may not work in employment that requires me to invest my own money for the purpose of door-to-door sales.

General agreements

- I agree that all the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and acknowledge that any false or misleading information may lead to immediate dismissal from the program.
- I agree not to begin work earlier than the start date or work beyond the end date on my DS-2019 form.
- I understand that by accepting a position found for me by Alliance Abroad Group, I am making a commitment to that host company. If I leave before my commitment has ended without written permission from the host company and from Alliance Abroad Group, my program will be terminated.
- I agree to do my best to complete the Work/Travel Program successfully. I understand that if I do not participate successfully, Alliance Abroad Group will not allow me to continue to participate & that I must return home immediately at my own expense.
- I understand that if I cancel or change my program and that if any refund is due to me, it will be granted through my home country agency at the end of the season (typically when most participants return home from their program).

- I agree to cooperate with Alliance Abroad Group staff & follow any instructions they may give me. If I do not do so, I understand that I may not be allowed to continue my program.
- I agree to comply with all medical vaccination & immunization requirements.
- I agree to obey all U.S. federal, state, & local laws. If I break the laws, I understand that Alliance Abroad Group cannot help me and that I will be terminated from my program.
- I understand that if my placement is self-arranged or requires that I locate my own housing, I must submit proof of my housing address to my local agent at least 30 days prior to my arrival in the U.S.
- I understand that pregnant applicants may not participate in any Alliance Abroad Group programs. I agree that if I become pregnant or am found to be pregnant while on the Work/Travel Program, I will return home immediately at my own expense.
- I agree that I have no medical or psychological condition which will prevent me from doing the job I agreed to. This includes allergies or injuries.
- I understand that Alliance Abroad Group sends my visa updates and other important messages through the email address I submitted on my application. I agree to check my emails at least once a week.
- I understand that all photos or testimonials provided to Alliance Abroad Group during my participation in the program can be used for Alliance Abroad Group promotional purposes unless I decline and provide written notification.
- I understand that Alliance Abroad Group may provide participants information to third parties for marketing purposes.

Application and visa process

- I understand that I should submit a complete application and full payment at least 8 weeks prior to the date I plan to arrive in the U.S. to begin my program. If I submit my application late, I will not hold Alliance Abroad Group responsible for any delay in my visa process or any cancellation of my job.
- I understand that the normal processing time for my DS-2019 Form is 4-8 weeks after Alliance Abroad Group has received my complete application and full program fee.
- I have a valid passport and I will bring all necessary documents that I am instructed to have for visa application. I understand my DS-2019 Form is NOT a visa and that I must take the DS-2019 Form and other required documents to the U.S. Embassy or consulate to apply for a J-1 visa in my home country.
- I understand that I cannot participate in the Work/Travel Program without a valid J-1 visa in my passport.
- I understand that the J-1 Work/Travel visa cannot be extended beyond the date on the DS-2019 form for any reason.
- I understand that I am responsible for good care of DS-2019 form and the cost of replacing the lost or damaged form must be borne by myself in any case (\$100 USD).
- I understand that once I arrive in the U.S. Alliance Abroad Group cannot amend the program dates as listed on DS-2019 for any reason and it is my responsibility to check prior to travel that the dates are correct.

Insurance

- I understand that I must have appropriate medical & travel insurance while I participate in the Work/Travel Program & agree to accept the insurance plan provided by Alliance Abroad Group.

- I understand that my insurance policy covers only the period of time listed on my DS-2019 & that I am responsible for extending my insurance if I wish to travel for up to 30 days after the period on my DS-2019 form.
- I understand that my medical insurance provided by Alliance Abroad Group does not cover any conditions for which I am currently receiving treatment (pre-existing conditions).

Participant expenses

- I understand that I am responsible for all of my own travel expenses, including domestic travel in the U.S.
- I agree to bring a minimum of \$500 USD cash or traveler s checks in addition to any domestic travel, required housing deposit or rent because I may not receive my pay until at least 2 weeks after I have begun working.
- I understand that I must respect the property of my host company and housing facilities & agree to pay for any damage I may cause.
- I understand that if I am evicted from my housing or move out of housing offered by my employer or Alliance Abroad Group, I may not be allowed to continue my Work/Travel Program.

Arrival & orientation

- I agree to attend all scheduled orientation sessions held by Alliance Abroad Group and its agency.
- I understand that this scheduled orientation may be held either in my home country or in the U.S. according to Alliance Abroad Group's schedule.
- I understand that my host company may also require orientation in the U.S. due to the need to apply for social security cards before arrival at the host company.
- After arrival in the U.S. but before going to my host company, I will call my employer to ensure that they know when I am coming and to make arrangements for arrival.
- I understand that I can arrive no more than a week prior to the start date on my DS-2019.
- I will begin work at my approved host company no more than 7 days after my arrival.
- I understand that cultural information about my community (transportation, libraries and other useful information) can be found on the Alliance Abroad Group website (www.allianceabroad.com)

SEVIS (Student & Exchange Visitor Information System) and I-901 SEVIS fees

- I understand that I must pay a separate SEVIS fee of \$35 USD to the U.S. Government. This fee is not refundable after my DS-2019 form is issued for any reason, including visa denial.
- I understand that the SEVIS fee payment receipt (I-797) must be presented to consular officials during the visa application process.
- I agree to contact Alliance Abroad Group within 7 days of my arrival to the U.S. in order to report my arrival and current residential address (the physical address of where I live in the U.S.) for SEVIS. This should be done through the Alliance Abroad Group website: www.allianceabroad.com
- I understand that if I wait longer than 7 days to contact Alliance Abroad Group, SEVIS will not have my correct information & Social Security will not be able to process my application for a card.
- I understand that my program may be terminated if I do not visit the Alliance Abroad Group website to report my current work and home addresses within 7 days of my arrival or if my home address changes

during my program.

- I understand that if I am reported as out of status or terminated with the SEVIS system, I cannot be reinstated and that this may have consequences for future visa requests.

Work

- If I have an Alliance Abroad Group job placement, I will NOT contact my host company before my arrival without Alliance Abroad Group's assistance.

- I understand that I must follow my host company's rules and policies.

- I understand that if I work outdoors, I may not be scheduled to work in times of bad weather and agree to arrive with sufficient funds to cover my expenses.

- I understand that if I accept an Alliance Abroad Group job placement, I am in agreement that I will work at that placement throughout the entire period covered on my job offer letter.

- I understand that I will not be allowed to continue my program if I break the contract between myself, Alliance Abroad Group, and my host company.

- I understand that if I am fired from my job for any specific reason concerning my attitude or actions, I will not be allowed to continue my program and must return home immediately at my own expense.

- I understand that it is my responsibility to contact Alliance Abroad Group immediately if I am having problems at my job that may lead to me being fired or breaking my promises.

- I understand that I may not change my job without permission from my host company and from Alliance Abroad Group.

- I understand that Alliance Abroad Group will allow me to change my job ONLY IF the host company is not fulfilling their part of the contract. I understand that if I make a claim against my host company that Alliance Abroad Group must investigate it before making a decision about allowing me to continue my program.

- I understand that Work/Travel participants are paid the same amount as American workers in the same jobs.

- I understand that federal minimum wage in the U.S. is \$5.85 per hour for most jobs and \$2.13 per hour + tips for jobs that include gratuity (state minimum wages maybe higher).

- Social Security Cards: I understand that because of new changes in the Social Security Process, I may have to wait longer than 2 weeks to get my Social Security card. Because of the delay, I understand that my host company may not issue paychecks until I receive my official Social Security number. I will arrive to the US with enough money to cover my expenses should this waiting period occur.

- Job cancellation: I understand that from time to time, employers may cancel or reduce their job order, either before my program begins or during the program, due to lower demand, late arrival of participants or other reasons. I understand that Alliance Abroad Group will do the best it can to stay in touch with these employers and communicate any changes as quickly as they know about them. AAG will make an attempt to find another job for the affected participant(s) as close to the lost job as possible in content, wages, location and conditions, but no guarantee can be made of an equivalent job, or even a similar job in the same region. In those cases, you will be offered the option of finding your own job or accepting the positions offered. AAG will provide resources to assist you with finding your own job, if you so choose. AAG is not responsible for loss of wages, transfer costs to the new location or any loss from flights or other transportation costs incurred for the lost job. If a self-arranged

participant's job cancels, you will be offered support (written materials) to find a new job, but you will not be offered AAG jobs.

Agreement to solely use alternative dispute resolution

I agree that any dispute, claim, controversy, or other matter in question between the parties hereto arising out of, or in any way related to this agreement or any breach or termination of this agreement, any dealings or relationships between the parties, whether past or present shall be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association pursuant to the then existing applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association. The locale of the arbitration proceeding shall be Austin, Texas. A demand for arbitration shall be made within a reasonable time after the dispute, claim, controversy, or other matter in question has arisen. In no event shall the demand for arbitration be made after the date when institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on such claim, controversy, dispute or other matter in question would be barred by the applicable statutes of limitations. There shall be only one arbitrator. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties and the award of the arbitrator shall be enforceable according to law. Any award issued by the arbitrator shall be enforceable by any competent court having jurisdiction over the party against which it is enforced in accordance with the terms of the NEW YORK (UN) CONVENTION FOR THE RECOGNITION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN ARBITRAL AWARDS. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall survive any breach or termination of this agreement.

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My signature below confirms that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules, terms and conditions of Alliance Abroad Group Work & Travel Program. In signing these Terms and Conditions, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agree to all of the terms and conditions with my own free will as stated above.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____