

ANG-5105-1. WRITING SKILLS II



## *J-1 Visa*

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# L.E.S Apply for a J-1 Visa

## ***SCENARIO***

You have been through the process of getting your visa for your Au Pair stay. Since you have acquired an extensive experience in this matter thanks to your readings and various actions with the Au Pair sponsor, you are known to be an expert. You have been asked to explain how to get a J-1 Visa to help future Au Pair applicants.

## ***TASKS***

### Task 1:

Read the “Exchange Visitor Program” from page 2 to 3

Read “Directory of Visa Categories” on pages 4 and 5

Read “How to Apply to the Exchange Visitor Program” from page 6 to 7

Use the information charts from pages 8 to 10 to gather and organize information about the various texts.

### Task 2:

- On your Facebook page, write the instructions to get a J-1 Visa for an Au Pair stay in the U.S.A. It must be written in your own words.

## ***DURATION***

- 120 minutes

## ***FAMILIES OF LEARNING SITUATIONS AND LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS:***

- Informing

## ***AUTHORIZED MATERIALS/RESOURCES***

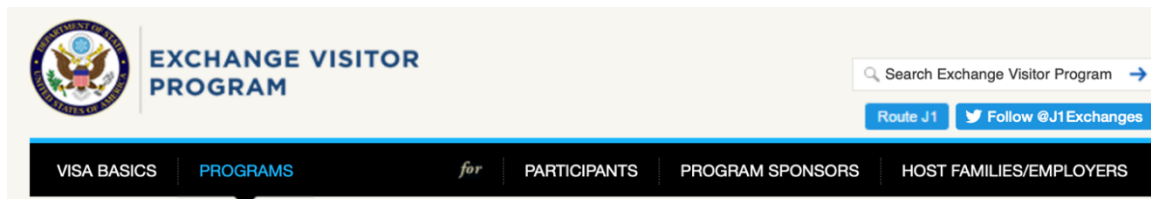
- English dictionary, bilingual dictionary, grammar book
- Internet, magazines, newspapers, books
- Other relevant resources

## ***INSTRUCTIONS***

- Read and interpret the different texts.
- Use the information charts to gather and organize information.

### **TASK 1 READ AND INTERPRET TEXTS**

**Read the following text on Exchange Visitor Program**



More than 300,000 participants from almost every country in the world come to the United States on the Exchange Visitor Program each year. Eighty-five percent are 30 years of age or younger. Fifty-five percent are women or girls.

### **WHO COMES ON THE EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM?**

Participants are young leaders eager to hone their skills, strengthen their English language abilities, connect with Americans, and learn more about the United States. Most individuals choosing to come to the United States on the Exchange Visitor Program are funded privately. The program includes a cultural component that gives participants the opportunity to engage more broadly with Americans and share their own cultures with their U.S. host communities. They return home eager to stay connected, to expand their networks, and to explore future exchange opportunities as “citizen ambassadors.” Find out more about the Exchange Visitor Program at [j1visa.state.gov](http://j1visa.state.gov), which also hosts the Route J-1 blog where participants share their experiences.

## PROGRAM CATEGORIES

**Short-term Scholars:** Professors, scholars, and other accomplished individuals travel on a short-term visit to lecture, observe, consult, train, or demonstrate special skills at U.S. research and academic institutions, museums, and libraries.

**Trainees:** Professionals with a degree, professional certificate, or relevant work experience gain exposure to U.S. culture and receive training in U.S. business practices through a structured and guided work-based program.

**Interns:** College and university students or recent graduates gain exposure to U.S. culture as they experience U.S. business practices in their chosen occupational field.

**College and University Students:** Students study at a U.S. degree granting post-secondary accredited academic institution, participating in a degree, non-degree, or student internship program.

**Teachers:** Educators teach fulltime at a U.S. accredited primary or secondary school or in an accredited pre-kindergarten program.

**Secondary School Students:** Secondary school students study at an accredited public or private high school and live with an American host family or at an accredited boarding school.

**Au Pairs:** A young adult lives with a host family for 12 months and experiences U.S. culture while providing child care and taking courses at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution.

**Summer Work Travel Program:** College and university students at foreign universities gain first-hand experience as they work in seasonal or temporary jobs and travel in the United States during their summer.

### **Au Pairs must be:**

- 🏠 Proficient in spoken English;
- 🏠 A secondary school graduate or equivalent
- 🏠 Between 18-and-26-years-old.
- 🏠 Capable of fully participating in the program as evidenced by the satisfactory completion of a physical.
- 🏠 Personally interviewed, in English, by an organizational representative who shall prepare a report of the interview which shall be provided to the host family.
- 🏠 Successful in passing a background investigation that includes verification of school, three, non-family related personal and employment references, a criminal background check or its recognized equivalent and a personality profile. Such personality profile will be based upon a psychometric test designed to measure differences in characteristics among applicants against those characteristics considered most important to successfully participate in the au pair program.

<https://j1visa.state.gov/programs/au-pair>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/exchange.html> <https://j1visa.state.gov/basics/facts-and-figures/>

## Read the following text on Directory of Visa Category

### Directory of Visa Category

The purpose of your intended travel and other facts will determine what type of visa is required under U.S. immigration law. As a visa applicant, you will need to establish that you meet all requirements to receive the category of visa for which you are applying. When you apply at a U.S embassy or consulate, a consular officer will determine based on laws, whether you are eligible to receive a visa, and if so, which visa category is appropriate.

#### *Nonimmigrant Visa Categories*

The chart below contains many different purposes of temporary travel and the related nonimmigrant visa categories available on this website. Select a visa category below to learn more:

Purpose of Travel	Visa Category	Required: Before applying for visa*
Au pair (exchange visitor)	J	SEVIS
Exchange visitor	J	SEVIS
Professor, scholar, teacher (exchange visitor)	J	SEVIS
<a href="#">Renewals in the U.S. - A, G, and NATO Visas</a>		(NA)

#### **Exchange Visitor Visa**

Generally, a citizen of a foreign country who wishes to enter the United States must first obtain a visa, either a nonimmigrant visa for temporary stay, or an immigrant visa for permanent residence. Exchange visitor (J) visas are nonimmigrant visas for individuals approved to participate in exchange visitor programs in the United States.

#### **Exchange Visitor Categories Include:**

[Au pair and EduCare](#), [Camp,Counselor,Government Visitor](#), [Intern](#), [International Visitor \(Dept. of State use\)](#), [Physician](#), [Professor and Research Scholar](#), [Short-term Scholar](#), [Specialist](#), [Student](#), [college/university](#), [Student](#), [secondary](#), [Summer Work Travel](#), [Teacher](#)

**\*What the abbreviations above mean** - Before applying for a visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate, the following is required:

- [SEVIS](#) = Program approval entered in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)
- (NA) = Not Applicable - Additional approval by another U.S. government agency is not required prior to applying for a visa

### **About DS-2019**

The Form DS-2019 or "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status" is the basic document used in the administration of the Exchange Visitor Program.

This form permits a prospective exchange visitor to seek an interview at a U.S. embassy or consulate in order to obtain a J-1 visa to enter the United States.

The Form DS-2019 identifies the exchange visitor and their designated sponsor and provides a brief description of the exchange visitor's program, including the start and end date, category of exchange, and an estimate of the cost of the exchange program. Read the detailed description of the Form DS-2019.

## How to Apply to the Exchange Visitor Program

The Exchange Visitor Program provides countless opportunities for international candidates looking to travel and gain experience in the United States. The multifaceted programs enable foreign nationals to come to the United States to teach, study, conduct research, demonstrate special skills or receive on the job training for periods ranging from a few weeks to several years.

### • Step 1

Determine which program is right for you. See program requirements comparison chart for an overview of each program category.

<https://j1visa.state.gov/Program-Category-Requirements.pdf>



### • Step 2

Contact a designated sponsor directly to take part in one of its exchange programs. The sponsor will provide the participant with specific program and application requirements. Search designated sponsors: <https://j1visa.state.gov/sponsor-search>

Find sponsors that operate in your home country:

<https://j1visa.state.gov/sponsor-by-country>



### • Step 3

Sponsors are responsible for selecting participants, as well as supporting and monitoring them during their entire program.



### • Step 4

Sponsors charge participants program fees. Fees vary from sponsor to sponsor. Participants are encouraged to obtain a breakdown of all costs and fees from multiple sponsors before committing to a program.



### • Step 5

If you are accepted into an exchange visitor program, the program sponsor will issue you a Form DS-2019.



## Step 6

Pay the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee at [www.fmjfee.com/](http://www.fmjfee.com/). You may want to print out your proof of payment for your own records.



## Step 7

Go to the U.S. Department of State website [ceac.state.gov/genniv](http://ceac.state.gov/genniv) to fill out an Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form DS-160 and to pay the visa application fee of \$160. Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply for instructions on how to pay.



## Step 8

After you pay the visa application fee, schedule your interview – the earlier the better! Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply for instructions on how to schedule it.



## Step 9

On the day of your interview, bring the following documents: an original Form DS-2019; Form DS-160 confirmation page; passport; photo; and visa application fee receipt. Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply to check whether additional documents are needed.



## Step 10

The interviewing officer will inform you at the end of your interview whether your visa is approved or denied. If approved, the interviewing officer will tell you when you should expect to receive your visa.



Continue to work with your sponsor to prepare to travel to the United States.



**EXCHANGE VISITOR  
PROGRAM**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

WEB: [j1visa.state.gov](http://j1visa.state.gov) | TWITTER: @ECAatState | INSTAGRAM: ExchangeOurWorld

**These charts may be used to help you gather and organize information for the final task. The charts are optional and will not be evaluated.**

### INFORMATION CHART -Exchange Visitor Program

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## INFORMATION CHART -Directory of Visa Categories

Questions about “Directory of Visa Categories”
What does “J” stand for:
Who can apply for this visa?
What does SEVIS stand for?

### INFORMATION CHART - How to apply to the Exchange Visitor Program

Questions about “How to apply to the Exchange Visitor Program	Answers
Why sponsors are important for people who wish to apply for a visa?	
What is a DS2019?	
What are the fees?	
What should you do after paying your fees?	
What documents are mandatory for your interview?	
When will you know if your application is accepted or not?	
Other notes: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	

## **TASK 2    WRITE AND PRODUCE TEXTS**

### **Scenario**

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### **Instructions:**

**On your Facebook page, write the instructions to get a J-1 Visa for an Au Pair stay in the U.S.A. It must be written in your own words.**

- The body of your instruction will be between 150-250 words long.
- Write your draft on the page titled “Draft”. Write your blog on the page titled “Final copy”.
- Write a title.
- Write a brief introduction.
- Inform clearly your audience on the procedure to apply for a J-1 Visa.
- Hand in this Learning Evaluation Situation.

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