

SUMMER WORK AND TRAVEL 2020

(CIEE-Placed Students)

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR SUMMER 2020 – JANUARY 1, 2020

The Work and Travel Program is an opportunity for students currently studying in a university/college/post-secondary institution in Cyprus to spend up to 4 months in the U.S. in the summer to learn about American culture, improve their English skills while gaining work experience! Students interested in the Work and Travel program should read the following information to make sure they are eligible.

StudyUSA Higher Education Consultants Ltd. and Applimates together with CIEE, a U.S. leader in educational exchange (www.ciee.org) is offering the Work and Travel USA Program (WAT USA) to students studying in Cyprus this year!

What is the Work and Travel Program?

The Work and Travel Program is an opportunity for students currently studying in a university/college/post-secondary institution in Cyprus to spend up to 4 months in the U.S. in summer 2019 learning about American culture, improving their English language skills while gaining basic work experience. Students who participate in this program work in places such as restaurants, hotels, amusement parks, supermarkets and carry out basic duties and earn a salary to help cover their expenses in the United States.

Students may apply to the Work and Travel Program as:

- **CIEE-placed students:** This means that we will find jobs for them through CIEE. The majority of our students will travel to the U.S. with jobs we have found for them and are approved
- **Self-Placed students:** Only very few students, who have already been on the Work and Travel program before and will again work with a CIEE-approved employer can apply as Self-Placed students. Please contact us at gulsen@studyusa.com.cy if you have found your own job and have questions about going as a Self-Placed student.

The information below is for **CIEE-Placed students only**.

Where do Work and Travel Students work in the U.S.?

Each year, we advertise the employment opportunities given to our students on our website (www.studyusa.com.cy). Details include the exact job description, duties, approximate weekly salary, whether accommodation is or is not included and the weekly cost of accommodation, location, etc. and we highly encourage students to look at each job opportunity carefully before applying for the WAT Program.

Employment opportunities are usually in hotels, resorts, restaurants, amusement parks, national parks, and supermarkets but could also be elsewhere, and usually in areas where there are increased numbers of tourists in the summer and extra help is needed. Since it is early in the year, we do not yet have information on our employment opportunities but keep checking this page and section. We should soon begin posting our opportunities and will add more throughout the year. **Job opportunities are**

first come first-served so if there is a position a student is interested in s/he should apply immediately.

Students should be aware that the main goal of the program is cultural exchange and this is a wonderful opportunity to live in the U.S. for up to 4 months, and meet Americans and learn about the United States. However, these are also real job opportunities and you are expected to fulfill all the duties listed in your employment contract.

If time allows, students may wish to travel within the United States upon the completion of their job.

Who can apply for the Work and Travel Program?

To be eligible for the CIEE Work & Travel USA program, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old and not more than 30 years old by the application deadline
- Be registered as a **full-time undergraduate** student at an accredited university or other institution of post-secondary education in Cyprus. The degree/diploma course in which you are registered must be at least two years in duration.
- Have completed at least **one semester** of your degree program (foundation year or preparatory year not included) at the time of application
- Have at least one more year to graduate from your degree program, at the time of application.
- Have at least a 2.0 CGPA out of 4.0 or 6.5 out of 10
- Have at least \$800 to support yourself upon arrival in the U.S.
- Be able to function in an English-speaking work environment. Complete an English language interview, in person or online, by StudyUSA Higher Education Consultants

How to apply for the Work and Travel Program

The first step in applying is submitting the [Pre-Application Form](#). Once you submit the form, we will make sure you meet all our eligibility requirements and if you do, we will send you instructions on how to continue with your application.

What happens after the Pre-Application Form

If you meet our eligibility requirements, you will then receive instructions on what to do next. You should be prepared to do the following:

- Participate in 1-2 interviews in English
- Fill in application forms;
- Pay an application fee of \$50 and if called for a job interview with a U.S. employer, pay another \$150 in cash
- Submit school documents such as your most recent university transcript showing the year you are in and your grades;
- Submit a copy of a valid passport. **Your passport must be valid six more months after September 2020.**

Please note that not all students who apply will be accepted onto this program.

Application inquiries can be sent to gulsen@studyusa.com.cy or anna@studyusa.com.cy

How much does the Work and Travel Program cost?

The initial Pre-Application Form the WAT USA Program is FREE. However, students who are called for an interview and selected should be ready to pay the following fees to StudyUSA/Applymates:

Fees	CIEE-Placed Students
Total Program Fee	\$1,675
Application Fee	\$50
Interview Fee	\$150
<i>The Interview Fee must be paid at the time of the job interview</i>	
Process Fee	\$1475
<i>The Process Fee is only paid once a job offer is made and the student accepts the job offer</i>	
Total Visa Fees	\$195
Visa application fee	\$160
SEVIS fee	\$35
Flight to the U.S. (arranged for and paid by the student)	\$1,000- \$1,500

All students are required to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$50 at the time they submit their application and documents. Not all students who apply will be accepted onto the program. Those who are called for job interviews will then be required to pay the non-refundable Interview Fee of \$150 on the day of the job interview. The Process Fee of \$1,400 is only paid by students who receive concrete job offers and decide to participate in the WAT USA program. If the Process Fee is not made at the time the employment contract is signed, the visa document will not be issued and the offer of employment will be withdrawn.

Once a job offer has been finalized, students should be aware that they must then apply for a visa and pay the Visa (\$160) and the SEVIS fee (\$35) in order to get their J-1 visa to travel to the United States. Unfortunately, we do not have any influence over the visa process. Our approval rate last year was slightly over 80% but this may change from year to year. International flight costs are also the responsibility of the student and students should not purchase their flights until they have been informed that their visa application has been approved. Please make sure to read the Cancellation Policy carefully before committing to the program.

What does the Program Fee Cover?

The initial application for the program is free. Program fees cover the following:

- Assistance with the CIEE application process
- CIEE job placement (if you are not a Self-Placed candidate)
- DS-2019 document required for J-1 exchange visa to the U.S.
- Assistance with visa application.
- StudyUSA/Applimates support before departing Cyprus for Work and Travel Program in the U.S.
- A mandatory orientation before departing Cyprus for the Work and Travel Program in the U.S.
- CIEE support 24/7 during the Work and Travel program in the U.S.
- Medical insurance for the duration of the program.

Cancellation Policy:

- The application fee of \$50 and the interview fee of \$150 are non-refundable.
- In the case that the student is denied a visa, the majority of the Process Fee, in the amount of \$1,400, will be reimbursed. However, neither the visa application fee (\$160) nor the SEVIS fee (\$35) can be reimbursed, nor can the initial application and interview fee as noted above.
- If a student withdraws from the WAT Program before applying for a visa but after the DS-2019 form has been issued, the Process Fee will not be reimbursed.
- If a student withdraws from the WAT Program before applying for a visa but after a job has been secured, a cancellation fee of \$200 will be charged even if the DS-2019 form has not been issued. Only \$1,200 will be reimbursed.
- If a student withdraws from the WAT Program after s/he arrives in the United States, there is no reimbursement.

Goals of the Work and Travel Program:

The goals are three fold: to expose students to the United States and the American culture, to gain work experience, and to improve one's English. Students will very often be working alongside other international students on the same program. Students will earn a wage to support their cultural experience and their living expenses, and depending on the salary and hours worked, and if time permits, students may be able to afford to travel after their employment is ended. Students are encouraged to view the job opportunities set aside for students applying from Cyprus (available soon) to get a clear idea of how much they can earn.

Stipulations of the Work and Travel Program

- This job is a temporary summer job and is not permanent employment.
- Once offered employment, the student must arrive at the place of employment in the United States, in accordance with the job offer, which will be given on an official document. Similar to any job, students will be expected to take their jobs seriously and to fulfill all the duties set forth by their American employers. Students who fail to do so may lose their jobs and return to Cyprus without completing the program. In cases such as these, students will **NOT** be eligible to receive a cancellation fee. It is for this reason that only serious students genuinely interested in learning about the U.S. and gaining work experience apply for the Work and Travel Program.
- StudyUSA/Applymatters nor CIEE can be responsible for obtaining a visa for the student. The issuance of a visa is at the sole discretion of the U.S. Embassy Consular Officer. Students must present themselves for an interview at the U.S. Embassy once the program details have been finalized and visa documents have been obtained.
- Students must return to Cyprus upon completion of the program and in time to resume their studies for the Fall semester at their local university. Students cannot remain in the United States once the visa documents have expired.
- Medical insurance will be purchased for the student that will cover him/her for the duration of the program. This will be arranged by StudyUSA/Applymatters and CIEE and is included in the Process Fee.
- Students must show that they have at least \$800 for emergency funds before they arrive in the U.S.
- Students must attend a mandatory on-line orientation before departure to the United States.
- International flights must be arranged by the student according to the date and place of employment. Students should not arrive in the United States more than 5 days before the start date of their employment.
- Students must comply with all CIEE and StudyUSA/Applymatters regulations before and during this program.
- Students may not take dependents on this program