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WELCOME TO AMERI AUPAIR

If you are looking for a fun way to travel, earn, learn and live in the US, then we are just what you are looking for. AmeriAuPair provides all of this, and more!

The Au Pair program was established with the aim of allowing participants and host families to take part in a mutually rewarding, intercultural opportunity. Participants take opportunity to study in America while experiencing everyday life with an American family, and hosts receive reliable and responsible childcare from individuals who become part of the family.

AmeriAuPair works alongside our sponsors Au Pair International who have extensive experience in matching families and Au Pairs throughout the states. Au Pair International provide a boutique service with a dedicated team matching you with the perfect host family.

The programme allows participants to gain a first hand experience of american cultural and family life and also gives you the chance to travel after the placement and immerse yourself in the diversity of the United States.



The definition of an Au Pair is 'on par' or an 'equal' meaning you will will be treated as part of the family with your main responsibility to help to care for the children of your host family.



BEING AN AUPAIR

Your main responsibility as an au pair is to be a key part of the family and be involved in all aspects of it. Your main jobs are all centred around childcare so you are not expected to undertake heavy housework, just light duties that relate to the children. Overall you will be providing no more than 10 hours of childcare per day totalling 45 hours per week, this may be split throughout the day if you are looking after children of a school age. You should be working for no more than 5 ½ days a week, and should therefore get a day and a half off for free time.

Helping the children with their day to day routine, making sure they are washed, dressed & prepared for school in the mornings.

Getting involved with any extra curricular activities and assisting with homework.

Getting involved with fun and games when the parents are out

Driving the children to and from school and activities (if required)

House keeping relating to the children, making their meals, helping them keep their rooms tidy etc.

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Along with your general days off you will get a 2 week paid vacation to explore some new states

At the end of your programme your J1 visa gives you 30 days in which to travel and with your \$10,000 wage in your back pocket that's a lot of travelling!

In addition AmeriAuPair also have a partnership agreement with Trek America so as an added bonus you will get 10% discount on any of their trips across the states. Check them out at www.trekamerica.co.uk/



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As part of the visa requirement and as part of the cultural experience you will have the opportunity to take a short course at your local college (university). The Department of States requires that you undertake no less than 60 hours of study (around 3 hours per week)

Your host family will provide \$500 to support your studies and you will have a wide range of courses to choose from including sign language, foreign languages, maths, english, sociology and psychology the choice is yours, the level of study is equivalent to UK A-Level standard.



SUPPORT & ADVICE

Host Families

With AuPair International you get to choose your host family. Our families are carefully screened to ensure you will be in a comfortable environment.

Our experienced representative interviews each family in-person, and assesses the family's suitability for the program.

Local Support

Once you are with your host family, your local AuPair International representative is available to provide guidance whenever you need it. They will introduce you to other au pairs in the region and organise monthly events in your area. You will also be supported by our 24-hour toll-free emergency phone service.

Your Essentials

- A 12 month J-1 cultural exchange visa
- Round trip airfare from your country direct to host family with airport pick up
- An educational fund (\$500) to pay for local classes
- Private room & full board provided by your host family
- Medical & accident insurance
- An option to extend your program for 6, 9 or 12 months

Orientation

To keep programme fees and third party costs low and to allow you to travel direct to your host family your Au Pair International orientation package is delivered through an online package that you will complete before departure.



APPLICATION

So you have done your research and your ready for the challenge but what does the application process involve exactly?

Application Form

we understand it may seem like a lot but it helps the host family get a good understanding of your personality and experience.

You really need to go into detail about your childcare experience, don't leave anything out, even baby sitting for brother's and sisters counts as experience.

PHOTOS



You need to submit a good quality profile photo, make sure your smiling! The best applications have several photographs, it really sends a great impression to your prospective families! Include pictures of you playing with children, engaging in your hobbies or having fun with your family!

References

You need 3 verifiable references 2 childcare related references and 1 personal reference.

Introduction Letter

This letter is written directly for the family it needs to be personal and really explain what you want to gain from the experience and why you think you would be a perfect fit for the family.

VIDEO

Probably one of the most important parts of your application, this is where your future host family will gain their first impression of you. You need a brief introduction to highlight your personality and explain to the viewer why they should invite you to be a part of their family life. Be as creative as possible try and showcase your hobbies and interests, remember you also need to appeal to the children you will be looking after.



FAQS

We appreciate this process may seem a little daunting and you are bound to have questions so we have put together a list of the most common questions and answers.

Do I need to have a driving licence in order to become an au pair?

The majority of host families do depend on their au pair's ability to drive as public infrastructure (i.e bus service) in the USA is not as well developed as it is in the UK. You can apply without a driving licence but please be aware that your chances of placement will be severely limited.

Is it possible to work as an au pair for a shorter period of time?

The minimum stay for an au pair is twelve months, due to J1 visa regulations it is not possible to have a shorter period of employment.

Is it possible to extend my programme after 12 months?

Yes! Many Au Pairs do so, you have the option to extend for another 6, 9 or 12 month period on your J1 visa and still have you 30 day travel period at the end of placement.

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