



SUMMER WORK & TRAVEL PROGRAM

International YMCA

We build strong kids,
strong families,
strong communities.

Participation Agreement

*Terms and conditions for participants of the
YMCA International Summer Work and Travel Program*

1. Participants must abide by the terms of the Exchange Visitor visa: to work only at the site approved by the YMCA and to return home before the expiration date of the J-1 program.
2. Participants must attend pre-departure orientation provided by a representative of the YMCA, complete the YMCA's on-line orientation, and carefully read and adhere to the guidelines of the YMCA's participant manual.
3. Participants must accept the placement arrangements made by their employers; carry out responsibilities to the best of their abilities, and adhere to the policies and regulations of the employers.
4. Participants must maintain sickness and accident insurance, for their entire stay in the U.S., which meets U.S. government regulations.
5. Participants must inform the YMCA of their U.S. residential addresses within 5 days of arrival in the U.S. and inform the YMCA of any subsequent changes of address within 5 days. The YMCA will terminate sponsorship of J-1 visas for participants who do not.
6. Participants must apply for a social security number or bring a U.S. social security card with them if they already have a number.
7. Participants may not change jobs or accept second jobs without first: a) contacting the YMCA; b) submitting a new Employer Offer Agreement Form; and c) receiving written permission of the YMCA. The YMCA will terminate sponsorship of J-1 visas for participants who change jobs without prior written permission from the YMCA.
8. Participants are responsible for all personal or incidental expenses before, during, and after the work commitment.
9. Participants must complete a program evaluation (web site download) prior to returning to their home country.
10. The YMCA cannot intervene for participants that have legal difficulties while under YMCA sponsorship.
11. The YMCA will terminate sponsorship of a participant's J-1 visa should any application information be found to be untruthful.
12. Any attempt to remain in the U.S. after the expiration date of the J-1 program may be viewed as a misuse of the program. The YMCA may terminate sponsorship of J-1 visas of such participants and the intent to stay reported to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

I have read and agree to the above terms and conditions. I also agree to retain a copy of this agreement for reference while I am in the U.S.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____