

CSB INTERNATIONAL, INC. (CSB) SUMMER WORK TRAVEL PROGRAM

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the CSB Summer Work Travel Program!

You are about to embark a journey of a lifetime which will help you gain valuable work experience, make new friends, improve your English language skills and experience many great things the United States has to offer. CSB will act as your program sponsor for the duration of your program.

Founded in 1997, CSB is an exchange organization designated by the United States Department of State as a sponsor for the J-1 Summer Work Travel Program. Our mission is to encourage the development of mutual awareness, respect, concern and trust among people from different nations. What a great goal to have as our standard of operation in bringing people of the world closer together. CSB has many roles and responsibilities and it is required to ensure that all parties involved in your program (program participants, international representatives and employers) comply with the United States Department of State regulations governing the program.

The J-1 Summer Work Travel allows full-time students at a post-secondary (college or university) accredited institution the opportunity to live, work and travel in the United States during their official university summer vacation, up to a maximum of 4 (four) months. All the participants will have the opportunity to experience life in the United States by sharing in its tradition and culture through work opportunities, an experience that is very different from that of a tourist.

Participants are admitted to the United States under section 101 (a) (15) (j) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of March 2, 1960. They enter the country based on the Form DS-2019 and on a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa affixed to their passport by the United States Consulate. Their J-1 category is "Summer Work/Travel".

Please read this handbook carefully! The handbook is designed to help you understand program and emphasizes very important information you need to know, such as your responsibilities and rights, and things you must do or respect while a participant in the program. Besides the orientation given in your home country, this manual will help you prepare for your exchange experience in the United States. If you do not understand any part of it, please contact your international representative for clarification before you leave your home country. We also recommend that you take this handbook to the United States and use it as a point of reference during your exchange experience. **In addition, please read thoroughly all brochures and letters provided to you in your CSB arrival package.**

We are very excited to have you in our program and we are looking forward to your arrival in the United States. As a sponsor, we will provide you support throughout your experience and answer any questions you might have.

We are wishing you a safe trip.

Kind regards,

CSB International, Inc. Staff