

## Frequently Asked Questions

Here is a list of common questions asked by our students :)

### Program Background

#### **How do I know if this program is legal?**

The Work & Travel USA programme has been introduced in the late 1960s. It is regulated by the US Department of State and administered under the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Infinity Abroad is the ONLY International Cooperator authorized to administer both Work & Travel USA and Camp Counsellor USA Programs, in Malaysia and Singapore.

For more information, please click [here](#).

#### **Why should I choose Infinity Abroad?**

Infinity Abroad partners with the most number of US Sponsors to bring you the widest variety of job and location options. What's more, we are dedicated to remaining the LOWEST FEE that covers the most extensive and quality services among the industry.

#### **What is the Work & Travel Program?**

The Work & Travel USA program offers university/college students and fresh graduates the opportunity to work in the United States and gain valuable international work experience while earning money to cover expenses. Participants may work for 3-4 months in the summer or winter season and will be rewarded extra 30 days to travel everywhere across the United States.

#### **How much do I need to pay?**

We maintain the LOWEST and the most affordable fee for the benefit of our students. Infinity Abroad's all-inclusive program fee is RM3,800, excluding only your flight ticket.

#### **Can Infinity Abroad help with my flight booking?**

We have an appointed student travel agency – Holiday Tours Student Centre – who can assist you with cheap flight rates and travel planning.

Their website is: <http://www.studenttravel.com.my/>

#### **Are there any charges other than RM 3,800?**

No! RM 3,800 is all you have to pay for our program. There are no hidden or extra charges.

### About Eligibility

#### **I am a student. Am I eligible?**

You must be pursuing full-time diploma, degree or post-graduate courses in a university/college outside the U.S. for at least 2-years. You may be a final year student, a foreign student studying locally, or a local student studying internationally outside the U.S.

#### **I just graduated. Can I join Work & Travel USA?**

Yes, as long as your participation date falls within 6 months of your graduation (course completion).

### **How good does my English have to be?**

You do not have to be an excellent English speaker but you must possess at least conversational English skills and be able to communicate comfortably on your own in a complete English speaking environment.

The level of your English language knowledge plays a large part in placement options. Infinity Abroad will conduct a simple English interview with you to determine your English level and accordingly recommend what types of jobs would be best for you.

### **How old do I need to be?**

You must be between the ages of 18 and 28 years old.

### **About Accommodation**

#### **Where will I live?**

You will most likely share an apartment or suite with other participants. These accommodations will generally be on-site or within a short distance of the jobsite. Most employers will provide you with housing, or will assist you in looking for one.

#### **Do I have to pay rent?**

Yes. You are expected to pay your own rent as you are earning full time salary as American employees. Some employers do provide free housing, but if so, you should expect it to be taken out from your salary.

### **About Working**

#### **Can I choose where I will work?**

Yes! Infinity Abroad will provide you with a list of employer options with their respective housing options. You will have the opportunity to tell us the types of jobs and locations you prefer. However, it is important to be flexible and open-minded about the available options! The job you get might not be your primary choice, but it is JUST AS INTERESTING :)

#### **What work experience do I need?**

Most of the Work & Travel USA jobs do not require past work experience as preliminary training or preparation will be provided. However, you may qualify for higher-level and higher paying jobs if you have certain experience that might be useful in the program (E.g. restaurant server, lifeguard, bartender, etc).

#### **What types of jobs can I choose from?**

The Work & Travel jobs range across various industries and job functions, and are available in locations all over the United States. American employers offer entry-level/seasonal positions such as cashiers, housekeeping staff, kitchen help, resort workers, casino workers, ski lift operators, lifeguards, sales help, and more. Our host companies including (but not limited to) hotels & resorts, casinos, ski resorts, national parks, amusement parks, retail stores, fast food restaurants, and more.

### **Can I be placed in the same job as my friend?**

Most certainly. In some cases, it is not necessarily the same job, but the same employer. A restaurant might be hiring servers and kitchen assistants at the same time. Usually, placements for about 3 students together are quite common. A large group of 5-10 students might be more difficult to be placed together. However, it is still possible to be placed in the same town or city. But you would most likely be travelling together so, you will be meeting up with your friends later anyway!

### **What are the working hours like?**

There is no fixed work schedule. Students usually work on shifts five or six days a week, based on employers' allocation. While students can request fixed schedules to allow them to find a second job more easily, it is not necessarily possible. Employers do try to provide an average of 30 - 40 hours of work per week to students. You should take the initiative to ask for more hours if need be and should be willing to work longer hours during busy period to make up for quiet periods. Do note that working 30 hours a week is considered acceptable.

### **How much will I earn?**

Your host company in Work & Travel USA program is required to pay you the same wage and benefits that they would pay American employees for a similar position. Most positions offer salaries that range from \$8-\$12 per hour. Some employers offer additional pay in the form of overtime wages, tips, and bonuses.

### **What are the chances to earn back my initial costs & possibly extra money?**

The exact amount of money you would earn is largely up to you, and how much time you prefer to commit to earning extra money. You are allowed to seek a second job provided that these jobs don't interfere with your primary job. There are students who were able to cover most of the program expenses and even come back with extra money.

### **You mean I can work two jobs at once?**

Yes, you are allowed to have two or more jobs on the Work & Travel USA Program to earn more money for your later traveling, but a second job is not guaranteed. However, you must make sure that your second job does not affect your schedule or performance at your primary position.

### **If I like my job, can I extend my working period?**

No. Your work commitment is stated on your Visa and DS-2019. You cannot legally work beyond that stipulated period.

### **About Tax**

#### **You mean I have to pay taxes?**

Yes, your employer will assist you in filing for taxation, and your tax payments will be deducted from your pay slip. However, you will be able to file for tax return, once you completed your Work & Travel Program. Infinity Abroad will assist you with this, so don't worry!

## Why Choose Infinity Abroad

### Experience

Being past participants, we bring forward our in-depth knowledge to provide you with advice beyond formalities to ensure a peace of mind throughout your program.

### Lowest and All Inclusive Fees

Infinity Abroad maintains the lowest fees in the industry by eliminating most extraneous fees that you may incur. What you pay is all inclusive and there are no hidden charges you have to be aware of.

### Personable Service & Support

Infinity Abroad maintains a low staff-to-participant ratio to ensure that every participant is taken care of to the best of our abilities before, during and after the program.

### Variety

Infinity Abroad works with 6 U.S. sponsors that offer a multitude of destinations and wide range of jobs across the U.S to choose from. You can tell us the types of jobs you prefer, as well as the locations you'd like to work and we will try our best to accede to your request.

## How to Apply

### So... What should I do if I'm interested in applying?

Interested? Great! All you have to do is contact Infinity Abroad at one of the details stated below.

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We will get in touch with you via Phone, Skype or personal meeting to assess your eligibility. If you are eligible for the program, we will guide you through the rest of the process.