J-1 Visa **Summer Work Travel**

Exchange Visitor Programs in the U.S.

Who is GEC - Global Educational Concepts?

To participate in a J-1 Summer Work Travel exchange visitor program, participants must have a U.S. sponsor designated by the U.S. Department of State. GEC is a designated sponsor that will screen and select participants based on criteria set forth in program regulations and are authorized to issue the Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status (Form DS-2019), which is the basic document to support an application for an exchange visitor visa (J-1 Visa). Sponsors also provide pre-arrival program information and monitoring of participants while they are in the U.S. and are a resource for assistance during the participant's program. GEC also provides pre-arrival program information and monitoring throughout the duration of the program in the US, and is a resource for assistance on arranging housing.

What is the J-1 Summer Work Travel program?

An Exchange visitor program that is designed to allow foreign college/university students to come to the United States on their summer break to come to the United States to share their culture and ideas with the people of the United States through temporary work and travel opportunities.

Benefits of the program

- The participant gains an international experience and learns about another culture.
- The participant has opportunities to create networks and to grow friendships with individuals from the U.S. and all over the world.
- The participant imroves their English skills.
- The participant gas the opportunity to gain work experience while experiencing American lifestyle.

Eligibility – Are you qualified to participate in s Summer Work Travel Exchange Visitor 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 student at an accredited University.
- Have sufficient funds to support yourself upon arrival in the U.S.
- Be able to function in an English-speaking work environment.
- Have a pre-arranged job (GEC will help!)