





## **"YOUR BRIDGE TO OTHER CULTURES"**

We are one**agency for cultural and labor exchange programs.** Our objective is to provide the opportunity for young Dominicans to travel to the United States and have a unique life experience in which three important aspects come together: interaction with young people from other countries, interaction with other cultures and work experience during the exchange. In this way, we create a positive impact on the lives of our students as they improve their knowledge of the English language, acquire work skills, and create immeasurable independence and maturity.



## **INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

It is a program aimed at professionals with work experience, recent graduates or active students in the hotel and tourism career and/or related careers who wish to acquire work experience in their field of study in the United States of North America, for a defined period of time. 8-12 months in 4 and 5 star hotels.

# **ORIGIN OF THE PROGRAM**

The program was created by the United States Department of State with the purpose of bringing cultures together, providing the opportunity to acquire practical knowledge in the area of hospitality and tourism, and expanding the horizons of the participants.

# **Program objectives**



Learn to work as a team with North American professionals and professionals from other cultures.



Improve English language proficiency within a business environment.



Strengthen the curriculum based on the acquisition of work experiences.



Learn to manage with the income received, which allows you to support your expenses in the United States during your stay.



Develop their independence, maturity, self-sufficiency and responsibility.



Receive internship certificate.

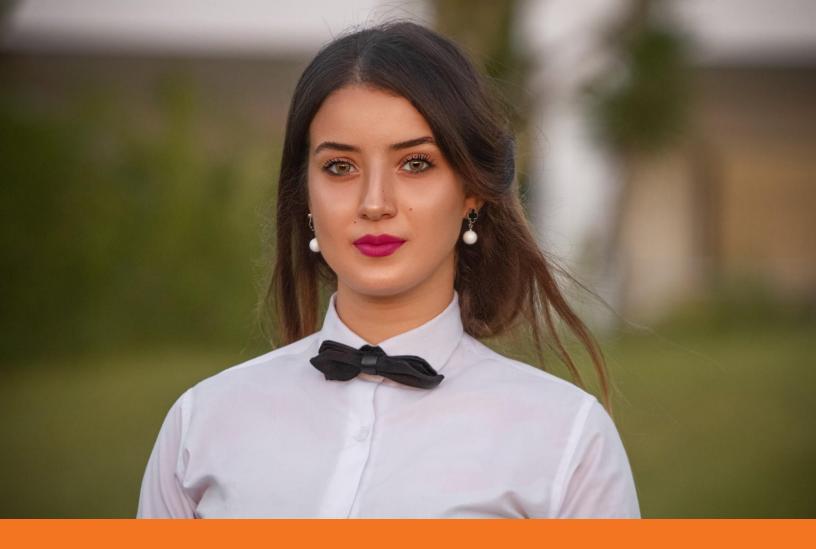
## **Travel time**

The duration of the trip is a total of 8-12 months, departure dates to the United States are made throughout the year in accordance with the start dates of the employment contract assigned by American employers.

# **Types of Jobs**

The Internship Program allows the student or professional to develop basic positions within a 4-5 star Hotel in the United States, including: FRONT OFFICE, CULINARY, FOOD AND BEVERAGE, among others... In this way, the applicant will be able to acquire curricular experience.





## **SALARIES TO RECEIVE**

Participants receive salaries the same as any other young American who worked in one of the aforementioned positions. They are always salaries from the minimum USD\$10.00 per hour, depending on the laws of the State you are in, and salaries that go up to USD\$14.00 per hour.

We urge people interested in participating in the INTERNSHIP PROGRAM to be aware that this is not a program to make large savings but rather to understand that the fundamental objective is based on cultural, bilingual elements and work experience.

# **VISA TYPE**

#### THE J-1 EXCHANGE VISA:

The United States government issues the J-1 visa to individuals who take part in a wide range of exchange programs sponsored by schools, businesses, and a variety of organizations and institutions. These programs are intended for commercial and industrial trainees, schoolchildren, students, international visitors, teachers, research assistants and those on cultural missions. In addition, there are several exchange programs for youth, including employment programs and exchange programs for university students.

#### VISA B1/ B2 VERSUS VISA J1

This J1 category visa totally differs from the B1/B2 category visa known as a tourist or pleasure visa, which is used to travel to the United States on vacation, so all those participants who have this type of visa will need to a J1 category visa to be able to participate in the Exchange program, taking into account that your application will not affect your existing visa.

**Disclaimer:** When the consulate issues the J-1 visa, IN THE CASE OF THE STUDENT WITH A B1/B2 VISA, THEIR TOURIST VISA OR B1/B2 IS NOT AFFECTED. That is to say, your tourist visa remains intact since entry and exit to the United States is with the J1 category visa that is issued through the program.



## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- Be between 18 to 30 years of age.
- Possess an Intermediate-Advanced level of English.
- Not be in the North American Residency process.
- Be a responsible, mature, social and independent person.
- Be a FLEXIBLE person, above all, to be willing to be confirmed, in any State within the United States.

# ADDITIONALLY, THE APPLICANT MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:



Have work experience of at least 5 years in hospitality and tourism (If you are not pursuing a bachelor's degree or have graduated from it).





## **PROGRAM COST**

#### The cost of the program amounts toUS\$4,957.00.

#### **Includes:**

- Paid internship in a 4 or 5 star hotel in the United States for a period of 8-12 months.
- Work Permit (DS 2019).
- Sevis Fee. (required by visa type).
- Consular assistance and guidance.
- Personalized guidance before and during the development of the program.
- Online resource and application portal.
- Health insurance.
- Housing management support.

#### **NOT Included:**

- Airplane ticket.
  - Purchase of the consular appointment at BANCO POPULAR for USD
- \$187.00, the total amount varies according to the rate established by the embassy.
- Transportation costs to the consulate on the day of your consular appointment (in the case of the Northern Zone).
- Accommodation, food and transportation expenses during the first two (2) weeks upon arrival in the United States.

**Disclaimer:**Have a budget of approximately US\$300-700 for additional expenses.

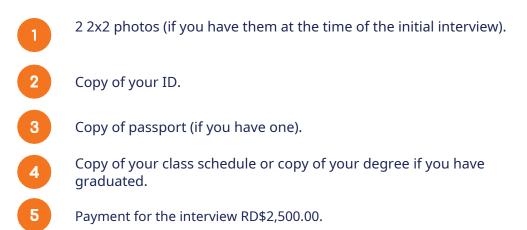
*Please take into account that other expenses may arise, either from the Dominican Government (any new airport tax), the North American Government (any airport or security tax, etc.) or from the Consulate.* 

# WHEN TO APPLY?

Our company works full year, so interested parties have the opportunity to apply on any date, taking into account that trips take place throughout the year and not necessarily on a specific date.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

To apply for the program you must complete a first interview where we will evaluate your profile. To do so, you will need:



*Note: These documents must be legible copies, preferably color copies.* 





# CALL US AND BOOK AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR INTERVIEW

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