

Your Application

Complete Application Form

– including detailing your work and education history and sending your resume and relevant certificates.

Camp Placement

– let camp know you have applied and ask them to confirm your position by emailing us at trainee@campamerica.com or responding to the email they will receive directly.



First Payment and Video Interview

– once your camp position is confirmed we'll send you a link to make your first payment and book into an interview. This will last approx. 45 minutes and we'll talk about your motivations, your job role, life at camp and your previous work and educational experience. We'll need to see a photo ID such as your passport so make sure to have this ready. It's also a great chance for you to ask any questions you have!

Paperwork

– check your emails for the documents we need from you. This will include a Police Check, Medical Form and references. Referees should be people who have known you in a recent and supervisory capacity (think current manager/teacher), they cannot be from the organisation you are applying to be a Trainee/Intern in. If you have recently been a Camp America participant we may be able to use some of the documents you have already submitted to us!

Camp Placement and Training Plan

– now it's time to complete that all important Training Plan outlining your role and the training you will receive whilst in the US. This will primarily be completed by your camp. We will send instructions to them on how to complete this after you have submitted your application. They will require some input from you so make sure to keep in touch with them and respond to all emails. Once complete this will be reviewed by our staff for visa compliance and may be sent back for amendments. When finalised it will be sent for electronic signatures – this will go to all listed supervisors in turn, then to our visa officer, then to you so please keep a regular check of your emails for this and sign as soon as possible.

Final Document Submission and Payments

– if you have not already done so it's time to submit any outstanding documents and make your final programme payments.

 Apply for your J-1 Visa

– we will issue your DS2019 form electronically, along with supporting documents, and send detailed instructions on how to book a visa appointment at a US Embassy/Consulate convenient to you.

Before your appointment, you'll need to make sure you have all required documents ready and take some time to review your Training Plan, as you may be asked questions about this. You will also need to follow all social media screening requirements, including listing any requested accounts on your visa application and ensuring they are publicly accessible throughout the visa application process.

At your appointment, you will meet with a Consular Officer who will assess your eligibility. Often, the Embassy or Consulate will retain your passport after your interview to issue your visa. You may also receive a 221(g) notification letter. This is a temporary and routine notice, issued whilst the Embassy completes its checks and screening.

You'll need to check your email inbox and visa appointment account for further updates and to confirm your visa has been granted. Your passport will then be returned using the delivery option selected when you booked your appointment.

 Book your Flights

– once your visa has been issued you can book your flights to the US! Please make sure to speak with your camp to confirm the best date, airport and time to land; and also confirm with them how you will get to your accommodation once you have arrived. As you are entering the US on a J-1 visa you are not required to book a return flight before travelling.

 Prepare for your adventure, travel to the US and start your Programme!

– you'll be emailed our Orientation materials and your Group Cover documents before you travel. Keep these safe. We will be in touch with a 6 month and final evaluation for you to complete. Please do let us know when you arrive, and remember you can contact us with any questions at trainee@campamerica.com. We also love to hear how you are getting on in the US so do send us any updates you want to share!! We do also maintain an emergency number should you need this, full details are available in your Orientation booklet.