



Dear Social Security Officer,

InterExchange, an acting U.S. Government visa sponsor, represents international students participating in the Exchange Visitor Program, number P-3-05380, designated by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This program is designed to achieve the educational goals of international exchange. The objectives are to give students from abroad a greater understanding and appreciation of the United States. The students are allowed to spend several months here to work and travel. Temporary employment opportunities are arranged by InterExchange, and participants live and work alongside their peers and gain greater insight into the American way of life.

This participant has been lawfully admitted under section 101(A)(15)(J) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as evidenced by the J-1 Visa in his/her passport, the DS-2019 form, and electronic I-94 (record of admission) available at [www.cbp.gov/i94](http://www.cbp.gov/i94) (as per 8 CFR § 1.4). These documents should serve as confirmation of the individual's eligibility for employment under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) and of his/ her lawful admission into the U.S.

The DS-2019 form has been issued by InterExchange as the program sponsor, which specifies the program number and length of time he/she is authorized to legally work in the United States.

Participants are eligible to obtain Social Security Numbers. InterExchange participants will have to present all of the following necessary documents in order to apply for their Social Security Card:

- Valid passport, which shows age, confirms identity and has a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) admission stamp
- Valid J-1 Visa stamp
- DS-2019 form, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status
- This form shows:
  - The Exchange Visitor's sponsoring organization
  - A description of the exchange program in which he/she is participating
  - The period during which the individual will be enrolled in the program
  - Proof that the student is a Work/Travel participant

In addition to the documents mentioned above, this letter also serves as this participant's sponsor letter authorizing employment during the dates specified on the DS-2019 form.

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Respectfully yours,

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