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A NEW ERA IN CULTURAL EXCHANGE  
**ICEO Twelve Months Work and Travel Pilot Program for Australia**

## INTRODUCTION

**ICEO Mission**

To promote mutual understanding between nations through engaging young people of different countries in international cultural exchange programs.

**ICEO general information**

International Cultural Exchange Organization Inc. (ICEO) is a non profit corporation established to promote mutual understanding between nations through cultural and educational exchanges. ICEO's home office is located in Gold River, CA from where all international and domestic activities are coordinated. ICEO is designated by the US Department of State to administer the ICEO Summer Work/Travel Program and ICEO Twelve Months Work and Travel Pilot Program for Australia and New Zealand.

**Pilot Program Mission**

To be the leading cultural and educational exchange program in the world, which will help in developing great relationships and mutual understanding between people of the United States and people of Australia. To give college students or recent graduates from Australia a chance to visit and experience the United States of America.

**Program Goals**

- Provide qualified Australian participants with a chance to experience life in the United States by means of temporary employment opportunities.
- Increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and people of Australia by means of cultural and educational exchanges. To help develop a friendly, benevolent and peaceful relationship between United States and Australia.
- Develop and distribute top quality cultural exchange programs for qualified participants.
- Recruit Australian participants who will be great "cultural ambassadors" of Australia in the United States and positively educate American people about the culture and traditions of Australia.
- Deliver excellent customer service to our participants in Australia and in the United States.
- Give participants an unforgettable adventure and an important professional experience, which will add to the development of their professional careers.



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## Program Details

**Each ICEO Twelve Months Work and Travel Pilot Program option includes:**

- DS-2019 Form
- Health insurance for the entire program duration
- Pre-arrival and post-arrival orientation meetings
- Housing assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Participant handbook
- Letter to consular officer
- Letter to social security officer
- Tax letter to the host company
- Evaluation report package
- Emergency and non-emergency assistance from ICEO Headquarter and ICEO Regional Team

**ICEO Twelve Months Work and Travel Pilot Program does not provide**

- Round trip airfare to the US
- Airport transfers
- Domestic transportation expenses
- Any living expenses including but not limited to: rent, utilities, furnishings, meals etc.
- Any applicable visa application fees at the US Consulate / Embassy in the participant's home country

## Program Options

**Pre-Placed Program Option**

- Pre-arranged employment position prior to arriving to the United States
- ICEO Regional Team and ICEO Pilot Program Team provides extensive and direct accommodation, transportation and local assistance
- Direct assistance with applying for a social security card
- Pre-arranged local cross-cultural activities

**Independent Program Option**

- Participant secures his/her own employment prior or after arriving to the United States
- ICEO Regional Team and ICEO Pilot Program Team provides accommodation, transportation and other assistance upon request from participant
- Assistance with employment position arrangements upon request from participant

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## Program Summary

### Program Eligibility

To participate in the ICEO Twelve Months Work and Travel Pilot Program for Australia, candidates have to meet the following requirements:

<b>Citizenship</b>	Australia/New Zealand
<b>Educational Status</b>	Be a bona fide part-time or full-time student or recent graduate. To be considered a bona fide post-secondary student, the candidate must have completed his/her freshman year. A recent graduate is defined as an Australian citizen who has graduated from a post-secondary college/university in their home country within the last 12 months. The candidate must provide evidence of student status.  Vocational students pursuing studies at a tertiary level accredited educational institution are eligible for participation.
<b>English Language</b>	Native English language speaker or if non-native English language speaker must possess English language skills sufficient to function on a day-to-day basis in American professional environment.
<b>Funds</b>	Provide proof of sufficient financial resources, prior to coming to the United States, to support themselves during a search for employment or between breaks in employment.
<b>Application Process</b>	Fully completing the ICEO application package including all the additional required documents.
<b>Interview Process</b>	Must successfully complete interview with ICEO Overseas Partner's Representative in Australia and interview with ICEO Representative.
<b>Orientation</b>	Participation in the pre departure and post arrival orientation meetings is mandatory.
<b>Additional Requirements</b>	Cannot be accompanied by their spouse or dependents.



Visit the ICEO or GROWUSA web page for 12 Months Pilot Program information or should you have any questions in regards to eligibility, please contact GROWUSA directly at:

[info@growusa.com.au](mailto:info@growusa.com.au) 

## Program Details

### ICEO's Representative in Australia

#### GROWUSA™

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- Program Administrative Fee: \$ 692.00 AUD  
(paid to GROWUSA)
- Health Insurance Fee: \$ 557.00 AUD  
(collected by GROWUSA/ICEO and forward to health insurance provider on behalf of participant)
- SEVIS I-901 Fee: approx. \$ 55.00 AUD (\$ 35.00 USD)  
(collected by GROWUSA/ICEO and forwarded to U.S. Government on behalf of participant)

Please Note: The following are **NOT** included in the Sponsorship/Insurance cost.

- ONE WAY Flight to the U.S: approx. \$ 1,400.00 AUD
- US Consulate Interview, Police Clearance Costs: approx. \$ 40.00 AUD
- U.S Consulate Visa Application fee (MRV): approx. \$ 200.00 AUD (\$ 131.00 USD)
- U.S Consulate Issuance Fee: \$ 141.75 AUD

\*\*approximates based on current exchange rate - please visit [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for currency conversion.

### Application Requirements

To participate in the ICEO Twelve Months Work and Travel Pilot Program for Australia, candidate will have to submit the application package including:

- ICEO 12 Months Work and Travel Pilot Program application
- A copy of valid passport
- A copy of resume
- Evidence of educational eligibility (proof of student status or recent graduation)
- Criminal background check (pre-placed option only)
- Birth certificate (pre-placed option only)
- 4 Passport size photos
- Proof of sufficient funds

