

Au Pair in america



Immerse yourself in different cultures from around the world, connect with aupairs from all over the world and build lifelong rapport in a program that provides the opportunity to enhance your childcare experience, knowledge in travel and communication skills. The Au Pair USA program is by far iLikettravel most popular program for both Host Families and Au Pairs. Au Pairs can care for children as young as three months old if you can provide documentation of at least 200 hours of experience caring for non-related children under two-years old.

All Au Pairs are permitted to care for children with special needs provided they have prior experience, skills, or training and the duties are clearly stated prior to your arrival. As an Au Pair, you work up to 45 hours each week and receive a minimum weekly stipend of \$195.75 – that is more than \$10,000 a year! You are also required to complete six credit hours of education and Host Families contribute a maximum of \$500 towards this requirement.

Do i Qualify to be an Au Pair?

To be considered for the program, you should be able to meet these requirements:

- 18-26 years old – Au Pair applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 26 years old. Au Pairs may turn 27 while in the U.S. and still extend their stay, but they must initially enter the U.S. while they are still 26.
- Speak English – English is verified through an interview conducted entirely in English with your International Representative.
- High School graduate or equivalent – A copy of a diploma or certificate is required as part of the application process.
- Have previous childcare experience proven through references – All Au Pairs are required to provide at least 2 childcare references and at least 1 character reference. References cannot come from family members; only non-related references are accepted. Au Pairs who provide care for children under the age of two-years-old in the U.S., need at least 200 hours of verifiable experience working with children this age prior to their arrival.
- Pass a Criminal background check (Police clearance certificate)
- Have a driver's license.
- Are in good health.
- Commit to 12-month program.

Steps to becoming an Au Pair in America

Step 1. Apply online.

Speak with a representative @ iLikettravel to learn more about the program and determine if it is right for you.

Step 2. Begin your registration process with iLikettravel

Complete our application and tell us about your childcare experience, lifestyle, and why you want to be an au pair.

Step 3. Interview, Get accepted & Match.

Interview with interested host families and accept the match offer that is right for you.

Step 4. Visa & Departure Preparation

Once you match, iLikettravel will assist you and apply for your J-1 visa, arrange your travel, and help you prepare to depart.

Step 5. Complete Our Training online

Complete the Online Training Program, which includes Child Care and more.

Step 6. Travel to Your Host Family

Travel to the USA and meet your new American host family. Your Local Coordinator will meet with you shortly after your arrival and help you settle in.

So what are the benefits?

Have you always wanted to live in another country? Or be an ambassador of your country? We have helped thousands of au pairs discover the USA and themselves! Here some of the benefits you can expect when you join the program:

- Join an American family
- Improve your English.
- Build self-confidence and independence.
- Meet new people and make life-long friends.
- Learn American culture and share your own.
- Gain international work experience and Travel!

So what are the benefits?

Being an au pair is a special opportunity and the Au Pair USA program offers you the following valuable services and financial benefits.

- Placement with a screened host family
- Online Training Program
- Round-trip airfare to the USA
- Support from Local Coordinators in the USA
- Accident and sickness basic insurance
- J-1 visa sponsorship
- 30 Days to travel upon program completion.
- Option to extend your program for 6, 9 or 12 months.
- Meals and a private room
- A stipend of at least \$195.75 per week from your host family
- 2 weeks paid leave.
- \$500 for classes at a local American college or university



The duties of an Au Pair

Being an au pair is one of the most rewarding jobs you will ever have! Here are some examples of common au pair duties.

- Keeping children safe
- Doing arts, crafts and having fun.
- Sharing your culture and language
- Helping with homework
- Preparing meals for kids
- Taking kids on outings
- Driving kids to activities
- Doing kids' laundry

As an au pair, your responsibilities are limited to childcare and child-related tasks. You will be a member of your host family and should expect to help with some household tasks.

Hours and Time Off

You can work up to 45 hours per week and no more than 10 hours per day. You will have plenty of time off so that you can meet up with friends, explore your community, take classes, or just relax. Program regulations require that you receive the following time off during your program:

- At least 1 ½ days off per week
- At least one full weekend off per month
- At least two weeks of paid leave per year

Local Support

When you go to the USA, you are not alone. You will have a Local Coordinator who is committed to helping you have a successful experience and will be your first point of contact when you arrive. Your Local Coordinator will:

- Contact you during the first 48 hours after you arrive to your host family.
 - Have an arrival orientation with you and your host family within the first two weeks.
 - Speak with you and your host family monthly.
 - Organize monthly social and cultural events for you and other au pairs in your area.
 - Answer your questions and provide support when you need it.
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Au pairs love getting together and having fun! Our Local Coordinators plan regular get-togethers and activities!

- Holiday parties
- Hiking trips
- Museum visits
- Sporting events
- Volunteer projects
- Local sightseeing
- Educational opportunities
- Cultural events

Additional Support When You Need It 24/7

In the event of an unusual circumstance or emergency, a local coordinator is always on call to assist you when you need help.

FAQ's

How long is the Au Pair USA program?

The au pair program requires an initial 12-month commitment. If you successfully complete your first 12-months, you have the option of requesting a program extension for an additional 6, 9 or 12 months.

Do you accept male au pairs?

Yes, we place both male and female au pairs on our program.

Do I need to have experience driving a car?

Almost all host families need someone who can drive and has at least one year of driving experience. If you are a safe, experienced driver, then it will be easier for you to match with a host family. In most American cities, driving is the primary method of transportation.

Do I have to pay any fee to participate in the program?

To participate in the Au Pair USA program, you will pay a program fee. Apply online and we will provide you with specific details about program fees.

How are host families screened?

Our American partners carefully screens each host family participating in our program. The applying family completes a detailed application, provides references, and is interviewed in person by our Local Coordinator. Host families are educated about the program and must agree to follow program rules and regulations. Additionally, all adult family members must pass a criminal background check.

Can I choose my host family?

Yes! You and the host family make the decision to match together. Once you have completed your application, your profile will be available to families. Our placement team will work with you to introduce you to compatible host families. You will have an opportunity to interview via phone or video with prospective families. This is a great way to learn about the family's care needs, lifestyle, and personality.

How long does it take to match with a host family?

The length of time it takes to match depends on your qualifications and experience. We have many different types of host families who participate in our program with varying needs and requirements. Typically, it takes a few weeks to a few months to place.

Where are host families located in the USA?

We have many different types of families participating in our program - from big cities like New York, Boston and San Francisco to smaller, more suburban towns. No matter where your new host family lives, you can be sure it is a comfortable home where you will have your own room and plenty to see and do in your community.

Can I do extra work for extra money while I am an au pair?

Au pairs are only allowed work for their host family and may not accept outside employment. Also, au pairs cannot work beyond the maximum daily or weekly work hour limits for extra money.

Is it safe in the United States?

In general, the United States is a very safe place. However, it is always a good idea to keep security and safety in mind. You are likely to find the USA full of warm, friendly people who will enjoy meeting you, share their culture with you and learn about yours.

Will I be able to travel?

Yes, you may travel freely within the United States during your time as an au pair. If you plan to travel outside of the United States during your program, your J-1 visa must still be valid, and you must follow the specific visa rules and regulations of your destination country. When you complete the program, you can remain in the USA for 30 days after your program end date. Many au pairs use this time to travel and see a new part of the country.

Can I be an au pair for less than 12-months?

No, the Au Pair USA program requires a 12-month commitment, giving you plenty of time to make the most of your program in the USA.

Can I extend my program for longer than one year?

Yes! You can extend for an additional 6, 9 or 12 months once you have successfully completed the initial 12-month program.

Can I be an au pair more than once?

Yes! You can return to the USA as a repeat au pair. To qualify, you must be no older than 26, have successfully completed your original au pair program, and have resided outside of the USA for a period of two years. You must also meet all the other admission qualifications.