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U.S. federal, state, or local government agencies. Programs under this section are for foreign nationals who are recognized as influential or distinguished persons, and are selected by U.S. federal, state, or local government agencies to participate in observation tours, discussions, consultation, professional meetings, conferences, workshops, and travel. These are people-to-people programs designed to enable government visitors to better understand American culture and society, and to contribute to enhanced American knowledge of foreign cultures. The objective is to develop and strengthen professional and personal ties between key foreign nationals and Americans and American institutions. The government visitor programs are for such persons as editors, business and professional persons, government officials, and labor leaders.

(b) *Designation.* The Department of State may, in its sole discretion, designate as sponsors U.S. federal, state, and local government agencies which offer foreign nationals the opportunity to participate in people-to-people programs which promote the purpose as set forth in (a) above.

(c) *Selection.* Sponsors shall adequately screen and select prospective government visitors to determine compliance with § 62.10(a) and the visitor eligibility requirements set forth below.

(d) *Visitor eligibility.* An individual participating in an exchange visitor program as a government visitor shall be:

(1) Selected by a U.S. federal, state, and local government agency;

(2) Engaged in consultation, observation, training, or demonstration of special skills; and

(3) An influential or distinguished person.

(e) *Program disclosure.* Before the beginning of the program, the sponsor shall provide the government visitor with:

(1) Information on the length and location(s) of his or her exchange visitor program;

(2) A summary of the significant components of the program; and

(3) A written statement which clearly states the stipend, if any, to be paid to the government visitor.

(f) *Issuance of Form DS-2019.* The Form DS-2019 shall be issued only after the government visitor has been selected by a U.S. federal, state, or local government agency and accepted by the private and/or public organization(s) with whom he or she will participate in the exchange visitor program.

(g) *Location of the exchange.* The government visitor shall participate in an exchange visitor program at the locations listed on his or her Form DS-2019.

(h) *Duration of participation.* The government visitor shall be authorized to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program for the length of time necessary to complete the program, which shall not exceed eighteen months.

§ 62.30 Camp counselors.

(a) *Introduction.* In order to promote diverse opportunities for participation in educational and cultural exchange programs, the Department of State designates exchange sponsors to facilitate the entry of foreign nationals to serve as counselors in U.S. summer camps. These programs promote international understanding by improving American knowledge of foreign cultures while enabling foreign participants to increase their knowledge of American culture. The foreign participants are best able to carry out this objective by serving as counselors *per se*, that is, having direct responsibility for supervision of groups of American youth and of activities that bring them into interaction with their charges. While it is recognized that some non-counseling chores are an essential part of camp life for all counselors, this program is not intended to assist American camps in bringing in foreign nationals to serve as administrative personnel, cooks, or menial laborers, such as dishwashers or janitors.

(b) *Participant eligibility.* Participation in camp counselor exchange programs is limited to foreign nationals who:

(1) Are at least 18 years of age;

(2) Are *bona fide* youth workers, students, teachers, or individuals with specialized skills; and

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(c) *Participant selection.* In addition to satisfying the requirements in § 62.10(a), sponsors shall adequately screen all international candidates for camp counselor programs and at a minimum:

(1) Conduct an in-person interview; and

(2) Secure references from a participant's employer or teacher regarding his or her suitability for participation in a camp counselor exchange.

(d) *Participant orientation.* Sponsors shall provide participants, prior to their departure from the home country, detailed information regarding:

(1) Duties and responsibilities relating to their service as a camp counselor;

(2) Contractual obligations relating to their acceptance of a camp counselor position; and

(3) Financial compensation for their service as a camp counselor.

(e) *Participant placements.* Sponsors shall place eligible participants at camping facilities which are:

(1) Accredited;

(2) A member in good standing of the American Camping Association;

(3) Officially affiliated with a nationally recognized non-profit organization; or

(4) Have been inspected, evaluated, and approved by the sponsor.

(f) *Participant compensation.* Sponsors shall ensure that international participants receive pay and benefits commensurate with those offered to their American counterparts.

(g) *Participant supervision.* Sponsors shall provide all participants with a phone number which allows 24 hour immediate contact with the sponsor.

(h) *Program administration.* Sponsors shall:

(1) Comply with all provisions set forth in subpart A of this part;

(2) Not facilitate the entry of any participant for a program of more than four months duration; and

(3) Under no circumstance facilitate the entry into the United States of a participant for whom a camp placement has not been pre-arranged.

(i) *Placement report.* In lieu of listing the name and address of the camp facility at which the participant is placed on Form DS-2019, sponsors shall submit

to the Department of State, no later than July 1st of each year, a report of all participant placements. Such report shall reflect the participant's name, camp placement, and the number of times the participant has previously participated in a camp counselor exchange.

(j) In order to ensure that as many different individuals as possible are recruited for participation in camp counselor programs, sponsors shall limit the number of participants who have previously participated more than once in any camp counselor exchange to not more than ten percent of the total number of participants that the sponsor placed in the immediately preceding year.

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§ 62.31 Au pairs.

(a) *Introduction.* This section governs Department of State-designated exchange visitor programs under which foreign nationals are afforded the opportunity to live with an American host family and participate directly in the home life of the host family. All au pair participants provide child care services to the host family and attend a U.S. post-secondary educational institution. Au pair participants provide up to forty-five hours of child care services per week and pursue not less than six semester hours of academic credit or its equivalent during their year of program participation. Au pairs participating in the EduCare program provide up to thirty hours of child care services per week and pursue not less than twelve semester hours of academic credit or its equivalent during their year of program participation.

(b) *Program designation.* The Department of State may, in its sole discretion, designate bona fide programs satisfying the objectives set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. Such designation shall be for a period of two years and may be revoked by the Department of State for good cause.

(c) *Program eligibility.* Sponsors designated by the Department of State to conduct an au pair exchange program shall: