



Directions:

Please complete your application neatly since it will be presented to potential host families. You may want to write your answers on another sheet of paper first then transfer them to the application. You want to make a good first impression so give as many details as you feel appropriate. Please remember that you should keep copies of your application, all the supplements, and all your photos since they cannot be returned. Write neatly or type in English on white paper only.

Minimum Requirements for being an Au Pair in the USA

- *Speak and write conversational English*
- *Be between 18-26 years old*
- *Be willing to commit to 12 months in the U.S.*
- *Have graduated from secondary school or equivalent*
- *Have at least 6 months childcare experience*
- *Be able to provide 3 non-family local references*
- *Possess a driver's license (or be ready to get one)*
- *Be in good physical condition*

The Details

Your interview will be in English and consist of a question-answer session with your interviewer and a psychometric test.

Host families will review the profiles of all the au pairs and if they believe you may be a good match for their family, they will call you to get to know you better. Once you and the host family agree to spend a year together the “matching” process is complete.

Agent Au Pair will send you the DS-2019 to bring to the nearest U.S. Embassy and once you get the visa, an arrival date will be set and your \$500 refundable deposit is due at this time.

After the arrival date is set, your International Agent will begin making your travel arrangements and secure you a place in the Au Pair Academy in San Francisco. You will receive the Pre-Arrival Information Packet that will give you details about your flight, the Au Pair Academy, the contact information of the representatives in the U.S.A, and the details about arriving at your host family.



AU PAIR APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Attach

Family Name _____

Photo

First Name _____

Here

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ City of Birth _____ Country of Birth _____

Legal resident of what country? _____ Country of citizenship _____

Telephone Number _____ Passport Exp. Date _____ Age _____

Date of Departure Preference _____ Second Preferred Date _____

Who to contact in case of emergency _____

Relationship _____ Telephone _____

EDUCATION

Highest level of Education _____

Other Educational and Professional Training _____

PERSONAL

Are you willing to be placed with a family of different religious beliefs? _____

Are you religious? _____ Do you regularly attend services? _____

Are you willing to live with a single mother? _____ father? _____

Have you had any experience with teaching _____ camps _____ tutoring _____ other _____

Do you like pets? _____ Are you willing to help take care of pets? _____

Do you have any allergies to household items, pets, or any other types of allergies? _____

Where have you traveled? _____ How long? _____

What were the circumstances of travel (i.e., vacation with family, school trip, etc.) _____

Do you smoke? _____ Are you willing to quit smoking to be qualified for the program? _____

Note: 99% of host families want a non-smoking au pair. Smoking is not permitted on the program unless a written agreement has been signed between the host family and au pair that it is OK to smoke.

Do you have a driver's license? _____ Date of Issue _____

If you will receive your driver's license soon, when will you receive it? _____

How many km of driving experience do you have? _____ How many hours? _____

What type of driving experience do you have?

City _____ Country _____ Highway _____ Suburbs _____ Nighttime _____ Other _____

Have you ever had your driving license revoked? _____ Have you ever had an accident? _____

If yes to above questions, please explain _____

Have you ever worked as a live-in nanny? _____

Do you have experience preparing meals for children? _____

List any additional courses you've taken or classes you've had on childcare, lifesaving or first-aid training

Dates _____ Certificates _____

I have experience with the following (please put a check by the experience you have):

Babies (0-2):

_____ changing diapers _____ feeding with bottle _____ burping baby
_____ feeding with spoon _____ preparing a bottle _____ bathing baby
_____ putting down for bed _____ brushing teeth _____ reading books

Toddlers:

_____ reading stories _____ fixing meals _____ brushing teeth
_____ putting down for bed _____ bathing _____ dressing

What age group would you like to care for?

_____ 3 months to 24 months _____ 2 – 5 years _____ 5 – 12 years

EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN

What activity experience do you have (please check all that apply)?

_____ horseback riding _____ camping _____ other _____ soccer _____ volleyball

_____ swimming (What level: beginner, intermediate or advanced) _____ rafting

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Siblings and ages _____

Do your parents support your decision to go to the U.S. for a year? _____

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

Are you in a relationship? _____ Do you have any financial commitments?

Are you a vegetarian? _____ Do you get homesick? _____
If yes, would you cook meat for the children? _____ If you get homesick, would it impair you from completing your one-year commitment? _____

What are you currently doing (studying; working, etc.)? Where? _____

What characteristics you believe to be important to be successful on an exchange program in the USA?

What characteristics do you believe you possess that make you a good candidate for this program?

What are your plans after you return from the USA? _____

Do you have training regarding children with special needs and/or do you have experience working with children with special needs? _____

LETTER

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a “Dear Host Family” Letter to your potential host family. This must be one neatly handwritten page typed (approximately 100 words). You may talk about your family, friends, pets, the town you live in, what you studied in school, what you like to do on the weekends, why you want to participate in the Au Pair program, or what qualities you possess that you think the family will like. Be personable since this is a good way for the host family to become familiar with you as a person.

EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please fill in the Childcare Experience Verification Forms on the following pages to describe in detail your experience regarding the families for which you worked.

The U.S. government regulations require that au pairs have at least 200 hours of childcare experience with children under the age of 2 in order to qualify for taking care of children this age in the USA.

Note: Eighty percent of American families who have au pairs have children under the age of 2 so you will match very quickly if you have over 200 hours of experience with children under the age of 2.



Agent Au Pair Childcare Experience Verification Form
(copy this form as many times as necessary)

Au Pair Name _____

Name of family (or school) _____

City and country of family (or school) _____

Telephone of family (or school) _____

Dates Worked: From _____ To _____

Name of Child	Age at beginning	Age at end	Hours per week (average)	From (dates)	To (dates)	Activities done during supervision	Did you watch this child rarely, occasionally or always when caring for this family?
1							
2							
3							

Please describe an event or situation for each child above that you feel best describes your ability to care for a child of that age.

Verified by Agent Au Pair Representative: Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
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Additional comments of employing family (if any):



List of what to bring to your scheduled interview:

1. Completed Application
 2. Character Reference – One (completed by the reference)
 3. Childcare References – Two (completed by the references)
 4. “Dear Host Family” Letter (write 1 page about yourself to your potential family)
 5. Two passport-size photos, with your name written on the back of each
 6. Copies of diploma, school certificates and other applicable certificates. If you do not have copies, please provide a letter of attendance and/or completion
 7. A copy of your driver’s license (a driver’s license from your home country is required. You do NOT need an international driver’s license)
 8. A copy of your passport showing your name, date of birth and passport number
Your passport must be valid for at least another 18 months.
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Once you are accepted into the program, you will need to provide:

1. Physician’s Report (must be completed by your “family physician” or a physician at a clinic of which you have been affiliated with for at least 5 years)
2. Signed Au Pair Accord
3. Signed Au Pair Agreement
4. Page of Photos of you with your friends and family (or emailed digital photos)
5. Criminal Record Check

You will be able to ask questions about these items at your interview.
