



CHI WORK AND TRAVEL



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Job Description

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer Name: Port A Pizza, LLC
DBA: Port A Pizzeria
Type of Business: Restaurant
Job location: 407 E AVENUE G
Location type: Beach town
City: Port Aransas
State: TX
Zip: 78373
Website: portapizzeria.com

Why choose us?

Port Aransas is a small beach town with many foreign students and thousands of tourists each summer. Music concerts, festivals, fishing and surfing are popular attractions all summer long. Due to being a small town, it is easy to walk, bike, or take a taxi or bus anywhere you need to go.

Cultural exchange activities

There is an annual 4th of July celebration with fireworks and music. There will also be a BBQ and swimming party held at the owners home. Your employer can help arrange shopping trips, and visits to the aquarium, waterparks, museums and battleship in Corpus Christi. There is also a daily bus to Corpus Christi, where you can access clothing stores, the shopping mall, and the movie theater.

Position

Job title: Dishwasher, busser
Job prerequisites: Must have the physical stamina to do this fast-paced job
Job description: This is a fast-paced job! You will be responsible for washing dishes; restocking the dishes, cleaning pots & pans. As a busser, you will help clear the dishes off tables and clean and sanitize the table to prepare for the next guests' arrival. You will be working in the kitchen area. You will be working with hot water, using dish soap, cleaning products, and standing your entire shift. Must be able to lift up to 20 lb/10 kg. Your hands may get dry and crack from being in the water.
English level required: Upper Intermediate
Hourly wage (before taxes): 12.00
Wage comments:
Position ID: 16786

Position Information

Tips: no
Bonus: Yes
Bonus comments: Must stay to your agreed upon end date, exhibit a positive attitude and have good work performance. Bonus is at your employer's discretion and is not guaranteed.
Estimated hours per day: 6-8
Number of days per week: 5-7
Overtime: Yes
Overtime details: Overtime is available, but must be approved by your manager.



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Earliest start date: 5/2/2022

Latest start date: 6/20/2022

Earliest end date: 8/25/2022

Latest end date: 9/30/2022

Is the employer willing to hire couples? No

Is the employer willing to hire group of friends? Yes

Meals? Yes

Meals details: One free meal per shift.

Is a drug test required? No

Drug test comments:

Is employer interview required? No

Employer interview details:

Do students complete an additional application upon arrival? No

Possibility to find a second job in the area Yes

Second jobs require you to contact CHI at chiwt@chinet.org or 1-800-432-4643 to receive the required form. The new potential employer will need to complete it. Both you and the employer will need to sign and return it to CHI for approval. You can work with a new secondary employer ONLY AFTER you have received written authorization from CHI.

Additional comments regarding second job: No second job can interfere with your primary employer's schedule. There is option to pick up housekeeping hours at a local hotel. Your primary employer will offer overtime as well.

When will work begin? Within a day or two of arrival.

Arrival Instructions: It is recommended that you fly into Corpus Christi. Your employer can pick you up from the airport there.

Is training required? Yes

Conditions of training: Training will be provided.

Is there possibility to change positions? No

Uniform required? Yes

Does employer provide uniform? Yes

Cost of uniform: 0

Is uniform refundable? No

Uniform provided details: Your employer will provide a t-shirt.

Do students need to purchase specific clothes or footwear? Yes

If so, details for clothing: You must bring comfortable non-slip, closed-toed athletic shoes.

Grooming: Hair must be pulled back at all times and clean. No visible tattoos. Ear piercing only & no more than two piercings per ear. Good hygiene must be maintained, including daily showering, use of deodorant and laundered clothes. Must have clean neat appearance at all times.

Important points of job: Your hands will be in the water, washing pots & pans, using the dishwasher.

Additional position information:

Housing Information

Housing name: Port A Pizzeria

Housing address: 1021 S 10TH ST



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Job Description

City: Port Aransas

Phone: (858) 414-2829

Fax:

Contact: Shannon Vanorman

Email: shannon.vanorman@yahoo.com

Website:

Housing assisted by: Employer

Is student required to sign a separate housing contract? No

If so, contract details:

Type of housing: Apartment

Number of people to a room: 2-4

Bedrooms: 3

Bath: 2

Cost Type: Week

Cost Amount: \$100.00

Cost Details per student per week

Is housing cost deducted from paycheck? Yes

Is housing deposit required? Yes

Deposit amount: \$200.00

Housing deposit due date: upon arrival

Instructions for deposit payment: Please pay upon arrival

Is housing deposit refundable? Yes

Conditions for deposit refund: If left clean and free of damage at least \$100 will be refunded.

Utilities included: Yes

If so, utilities details: Electricity, water, garbage, internet, TV

Utilities estimated cost per month: 0

Is the housing mandatory? Yes

Can students find alternative housing during their stay? No

Method of transportation from housing to work site: Walking

Transportation details: Housing is 3 blocks from your employer; not very far away.

Additional housing features: There are 2 condos that are part of a 4-plex unit. Each condo is fully furnished with furniture, linens, and kitchen supplies. There is a washer/dryer in each condo as well. The condos are located in the center of town, 5 blocks from the grocery store, just 1 block from a retail shopping center (including a coffee shop and restaurants and bars), and 7 blocks from the beach.

Comments: This housing is provided to you by your employer. You will be expected to treat the home, neighbors, and the neighborhood with respect and consideration. Your unit is part of a 4-plex condo building. Your immediate neighbors (in your building) live here year-round and we want them to see what amazing ambassadors you are for your home country. No late-night parties or disturbing the neighbors will be permitted.



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Location Area Information

Location type: Beach town

Location of work site best described as: Popular pizza restaurant in small beach town.

Location details: Port Aransas is the only established town on Mustang Island and inhabits 8 miles of the 18 mile long barrier island. Mustang Island is located north of Padre Island, the longest barrier island in the world and south of San Jose Island, renowned for its shelling. Running parallel to the mainland, barrier islands protect the coast from the full force of powerful storm waves. Surrounding waters include the Corpus Christi Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, the Lydia Ann Ship Channel and the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. Scattered about are several small islands that contribute to our reputation for great fishing, shelling, birding and nature adventures. Population: 3,500 approx.

Average daily temperature: Summer: High 90F (32C); Low 74F (23C)

Community or regional website: www.portaransas.org

Nearest cities: Corpus Christi

Distance to nearest cities: 30 miles (48km) / 325,733 population

What to wear: Summer: Light clothing, shorts, t-shirts, sunscreen

Available public transportation: Island bus

Public transportation access: Throughout the city

Accessible amenities (by walking or public transportation)

Food market: Yes

Shopping mall: No

Post office: Yes

Movie theater: No

Restaurants: Yes

Fitness center: Yes

Laundry: Yes

Internet café: Yes

Public library: Yes



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Suggested Travel Information

Nearest international airport: Houston International Airport (IAH)

Nearest airport: Corpus Christi International Airport

Transportation from airport to employer and / or housing: Your employer is willing to pick you up from Corpus Christi

Nearest bus station (to the airport): Greyhound bus

Bus information (web site): www.greyhound.com

Nearest train information (to the airport): NA

Train information (web site): NA

If participant arrives after hours suggested, overnight accomodation: NA

Cost per night: NA

Transportation to overnight accomodation: NA

Transportations cost: NA

Travel Instructions: You must inform your employer of your expected arrival date and time in Corpus Christi no later than 2 weeks prior to your arrival.

Social Security Information

Does the company require students to have Social Security number before arriving to the work place? No

Does the company provide Social Security application assistance? Yes

If so, details: It is important you call the local SSA office within your first few days so you can get your appointment scheduled.

Where is the closest Social Security office? 3801 S PORT AVE, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78415; Phone Number: 1-866-613-2859

How far is the Social Security office from the work place? 35 miles (56 km)

Specific instructions: Upon arrival in America, please validate on your student profile in our database. Then wait approx. 4 to 10 days after validating and check your status is set to "S" on your profile. THEN you can apply for your card at Social Security Office located at: 3801 S PORT AVE, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78415; Phone Number: 1-866-613-2859; Hours: Mon & Tue 9am - 4pm, Wed 9am - 12pm, Thu & Fri 9am - 4pm, except Federal holidays.
Don't forget to get a receipt - it is your only proof you applied!



CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL

Welcome Letter

WORK & TRAVEL

Dear Student,

Hello and Welcome! We are so happy that you will be visiting our country. Work & Travel can be exciting, fun, adventurous, but also overwhelming at times, especially in the beginning, but we believe you will find your experience rewarding and unforgettable. CHI is here to help! Please read carefully through this Welcome Letter.

My name is Mary Wolfe. I am the Regional Manager for the Western Region for Cultural Homestay International (CHI). My team and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have and we will also be available throughout your stay to assist with any problems that may occur. We have a CHI Program Coordinator that will be working with you during your program. You should be hearing from that person shortly via email. Please remember to check your email daily for important communications.

To have a successful program, you must stay in contact with your CHI representative.

Have the best summer of your life!

Regards,

Mary

Mary Wolfe
Regional Manager
email: chimaryw@chinet.org
phone: 1.530.715.0195
WhatsApp: 1.530.636.3760



CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL

Program Information

WORK & TRAVEL

Please read the CHI Student Handbook, which you should have received at orientation or from your student agency. You are responsible for following all rules in this handbook. The rules are in place for your health, safety, and welfare. Failure to follow the rules may result in a participant's negative program status.

Be Prepared

- Make photocopies of important documents and leave a copy with loved ones.
- Back up your digital photos, in case your phone is stolen or broken.
- Leave things you could not bear to lose at home.
- Bring your welcome letter, your important documents, two extra sets of clothes and your necessary medicine in your carry-on luggage. Checked luggage is often lost. The airline will deliver your bag to your US housing or employer once found, but it could take 3 or 4 days.
- *If your luggage is lost, send it to your employer's address to ensure delivery.
- You are required to bring at least \$1000 with you from your country. We recommend you bring \$1200. In the first few weeks of Work & Travel, you will need these funds to establish yourself in a new country. You will need to pay your housing deposit, pay your rent, buy a sim card, purchase pillows, sheets, and blankets, food, uniforms, a bicycle, or have transportation money. It takes a few weeks to start working, be trained, become integrated into the schedule, and get your first paycheck. You don't want to run out of money before your first paycheck arrives. Be prepared, you are moving to another country.

Communicate Your Arrival Information



- Check your email frequently for important information. Respond to it.
- Plan your flight accordingly: if your final destination is far away from your arrival airport, please check that your flight allows you to make any connecting transportation needed to get to your destination. If not, please make a reservation at a local hostel or motel and plan to continue your travels the next day.
- Do not arrive late at night! You may not be able to get into your housing after 20:00.
- You must contact your CHI representative, to let them know when you will be arriving.
- You must log onto www.wt.chinet.org to enter your flight information, as soon as you book your ticket.
- Join CHI Facebook pages and WhatsApp group and become friends with your Program Coordinator.

Be Safe

- Exercise adequate discretion, stay aware of your belongings, and avoid putting yourself into risky situations (such as unlit, deserted areas at night).
- Open a bank account, on the first day you check into your US housing, to keep the recommended \$1200 you brought from your country safe and secure. You will need this money. Never keep large amounts of money in your student housing no matter how much you trust your roommates.
- Once in the United States, never carry large amounts of money. You will have a debit card from the bank, if lost, this can always be cancelled. Do not give your PIN (personal identification number) to anyone. If you lose your cash, it can not be replaced.
- Do not carry your important documents or valuables to work. Keep your documents, including passport, safely hidden in your room. Never give your passport or documents to anyone (such as a landlord or employer) to keep. It is illegal for anyone to take your passport or documents from you for any reason.
- Bring an ID from your country to carry with you that can easily be replaced (University ID, residency card, drivers license). Passports are difficult & expensive to replace, and losing your passport can ruin your travel period plans.
- Establish a “do not lose it” discipline. Travelers are more likely to inadvertently lose their bags than to have them stolen. I have heard of students leaving passports under pillows, bags on the overhead rack on the bus, & documents in the taxi. Always take a look behind you as you leave.
- When you are out and about, never casually or carelessly set down any small valuable item, such as a phone or wallet. Either hold it in your hand or keep it tucked away. At cafés, do not place your phone on the tabletop or purse on the back of the chair where it will be easy to snatch — keep phones and valuables in your front pocket. Make it a habit to be careful with your things; it will become second nature.
- Stay vigilant in crowds and steer clear of disturbances near you.
- Participants should use common sense, stay with a partner or friend, especially at night. It is recommended participants let a friend know where they are.
- Bicycle riders with helmets had an 85 percent reduction in their risk of head injury and an 88 percent reduction in their risk of brain injury. If you ride a bicycle in the US, wear a helmet.

Student Account Profile | www.wt.chinet.org

- Validation is the second thing you need to do upon arrival in your new city, after calling your parents to report you have arrived safely.
- Log into your CHI Work & Travel profile page and complete your validation the same day you land in the USA. Many airports offer free wifi.
- If you are staying in a hotel the first days of your program, you should validate using the hotel information and update your information once you move to more permanent housing.
- If you have no access to the web, please call CHI at 1-800-432-4643. There are SERIOUS consequences if you do not validate your visa, beginning with a cancellation of your visa, so do it as soon as possible!
- Validation must be officially finalized by CHI before going to Social Security.
- Participants who do not validate or do not wait for the notification from CHI that their validation information has been approved, prior to going to Social Security, will delay their Social Security card for 60 days. Do not make this costly mistake.

Arriving at a United States Airport

The following documents you **MUST** have in your possession and present to the U.S. immigration officials upon arrival in the U.S.:

- Valid passport
- DS-2019 Form, the original copy signed with blue ink. Do not accidentally give your loved ones the original copy for safekeeping.
- I-901 SEVIS fee receipt
- J-1 Visa
- Job Offer
- Sponsor Letter
- Vaccination card

Arrival Tips:

- The immigration officer will review all documents, validate, and place a stamp on your DS-2019 form and your passport. The officer will then return all validated documents to you, including the DS-2019 form.
- Use your “do not lose it” discipline, remember to collect all documents from the immigration officer. This is a place students often misplace documents. Students are nervous, excited and fail to check they have received everything back before leaving the area.
- Wait to check-in on social media or take a selfie until you check you have all your documents.
- You should have no problem entering the U.S. as long as you have all the proper documentation, cooperate and communicate respectfully with the U.S. immigration officers at the airport.

Traveling to your Final Destination

- Before you leave your home country map out your trip. This is a great website to use: www.rome2rio.com. Your CHI representative will send you exact instructions in a letter prior to your arrival. Check your email daily, it is very important.
- When estimating your arrival time please add extra time for waiting for baggage, eating, or missing a bus or train connection.
- Be sure to have a small amount of American currency for regional travel before leaving the airport. Do NOT accept rides from strangers at the airport!
- Plan accordingly, if arriving late at night, please stay in a hotel or hostel and travel in the morning. (You will not be able to get into your housing if arriving late at night.)



Arriving at your Final Destination | What do I need to do now?

- Contact your employer, let them know you have arrived safely. They will provide you with your orientation/start date.
- 24 hours after entering the United States you will be required to retrieve a document on the internet called an I-94.
- Contact your CHI representative and let them know you arrived safely at your housing.
- Once you validate, the next day call the Social Security Administration and get an appointment to apply for your ss card.

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The I-94 Form is the Arrival / Departure Record that is issued by the immigration officer at the airport to all foreign visitors entering the United States. All I-94 records are created electronically and accessible online 24 hours after arrival.

Retrieval Tips:

- Wait 24 hours following your arrival in the US before you attempt to retrieve your I-94 number.
- Ensure that the computer you are using is connected to a printer (local library).
- Go to the <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>
- Enter the required information in all CAPITAL letters. Please make sure you enter your name exactly as it appears in your passport
- Click Submit
- You must print this document, it is a required document at Social Security

Applying for a Social Security Number

You must apply for your SS card at the local Social Security Office. You have to call SSA and schedule your appointment. Their offices are not open to drop in. If they do not call you back, call them again (and again if necessary). By the end of your first two weeks, you should have your appointment scheduled. It is your responsibility to get an appointment to apply for your card.

Required Documents:

- Valid passport
- DS-2019 Form, the original copy signed with blue ink. Do not accidentally give your loved ones the original copy for safekeeping.
- I-901 SEVIS fee receipt
- J-1 Visa
- I - 94 Form, printed from the internet at your local community library or employer.

Second Jobs

- CHI does not provide second jobs.
- Second jobs are possible. However, your responsibility is to your primary employer. It is the primary employers participation in the Work & Travel program that has afforded you the opportunity to come to the United States.
- A second job may not conflict with your primary CHI position in anyway.
- If you are considering looking for a second job, please be reminded the employer must be approved by CHI for your safety.
- Failure to have any second job approved may result in a participant's negative program status.
- Your CHI representative will send you exact instructions in a letter prior to your arrival. Check your email daily, it is very important.

Health Insurance

It is required that all participants of Work & Travel obtain health insurance.

- Your health insurance provider will email your instructions to obtain your insurance card.
- Do not leave your home country without accessing the health insurance website and printing your card.
- In the United States, doctors and hospitals are in different buildings. Doctors generally have offices away from the hospital or work at an urgent care facility or clinic.
- For a basic illness, you will go to a doctor's office, urgent care facility, or clinic, pay \$100 and your insurance should cover any costs incurred after \$100.
- For a serious emergency, you should go to the hospital or emergency center, pay \$250 and your insurance should cover any costs incurred after \$250.
- There is no dental or vision coverage. Please visit your primary care doctor and dentist in your home country before traveling to the United States.
- Please contact your CHI representative to report any illness or emergency you may have, so they can provide assistance.

Know the Law

- In the United States, you must be at least 21 years of age to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Underage drinking is illegal and can have severe consequences for young people who drink and for adults who provide alcoholic beverages to those under 21.

Be Safe. Follow the rules. Have fun.

