

Program Dates

SWT Program dates are established by the Consular Section after a survey of the academic schedules of major post-secondary institutions in Uzbekistan.

The SWT program dates for this year will be **June 15** through **September 25** for students from Uzbekistan. SWT program dates may vary within these dates to permit students to complete their programs and return to Uzbekistan to commence their studies as required.

Programs that exceed these date ranges will not be accepted. Students whose academic breaks are shorter than the SWT program dates may not miss class to participate in the program. Extension of program dates in the U.S. is not permitted.

Applicants may apply anytime before the program, but may not enter the U.S. until thirty days before the program starts.

J-1 SWT visa holders may stay in the U.S. up to thirty days after the date of completion of the program. This grace period may be used for travel in the U.S. or departure preparation. Work is not permitted during this period.

Useful Links

General SWT Information:

<http://j1visa.state.gov/programs/summer-work-travel>

List of Designated SWT Sponsors:

<http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/sponsor-search/>

Consular Section Website:

<http://uzbekistan.usembassy.gov/visas.html>

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About Summer Work and Travel...

What is Summer Work and Travel?

The purpose of the Summer Work and Travel (SWT) program is to provide bona fide foreign post-secondary students an opportunity to become directly involved in the daily life of the people of the United States of America through travel and temporary work for a period of up to four months during their summer vacations.

Who can apply?

Post-secondary students with English proficiency pursuing a degree or engaged in a full-time course of study at an accredited educational institution.

Things to keep in mind...

- Vocational school students are not eligible unless they prove that their study will lead to a degree from a post-secondary institution.
- College students and correspondence course (*zaochnaya ucheba*) students do not qualify.
- Final year students may apply, but must be students when applying.
- Students who have participated in SWT may apply again.
- The program has no age limits.

How to apply?

1. **Directly through a sponsor organization in the U.S.** In this case, the sponsor must provide the participant with a letter stating that application was made without the involvement of an intermediary organization in Uzbekistan. This letter must be presented to the Consular Officer during the visa interview. Students who apply directly through a sponsor organization in the U.S. must make their own visa interview appointments online.
2. **Through intermediary companies in Uzbekistan (facilitators).** These companies act as designated representatives of U.S. sponsor organizations and provide services in recruiting applicants. The services of these facilitators are not free. Participants should compare the fees and services provided by several different SWT facilitators in Uzbekistan. The Consular Section does not endorse any of these facilitators and choosing one is at the participants' discretion. The facilitators will contact the Consular Section to schedule interviews when groups of participants are ready to apply for visas.



What documents do I need?

1. Form DS-160. Only the confirmation page must be submitted. Available online: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
2. Valid form DS-2019 issued by the sponsoring organization in the U.S.
3. Form I-901 or I-797 confirmation of SEVIS fee payment. Paid online by credit card at www.fmjfee.com.
4. One photo (see Consular Section's website for photo requirements)
5. Valid passport for foreign travel
6. Application processing fee of USD 160

Students are also strongly advised to bring proof of their active student status. For example: letters from the university, grade books (*zachetka*), et cetera.