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### SAMPLE DS-2019

**RED:** SEVIS ID #

**YELLOW:** Program #

**GREEN:** Responsible Officer Contact Info.

**BLUE:** Signature box

U.S. Department of State CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)		ONS APPROVAL NO 1405-0119 EXPIRES: 10/16/2019 REISSUED BY/ISSUE TIME: 01 min See Page 2
1. Sponsoring Person Name: _____ Gender: <b>FEMALE</b>		SEVIS ID: <b>800000000095</b>
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): 09-09-2008	City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: <b>AUSTRIA</b> Citizenship Category Code: _____ Citizenship Country: <b>AUSTRIA</b>	Program #: <b>J-1</b>
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: _____ Legal Permanent Residence Country: _____ Position Code: _____ Position: _____		
Primary Site of Activity: <b>BOULDER CITY HIGH SCHOOL</b> 101 14th Street Boulder City, NV 89005		
2. Program Sponsor: <b>Calif/Nevada Rotary Youth Exchange (SCANEX)</b>		Program Number: <b>P-3-05627</b>
Participating Program Official Description: STUDENT SECONDARY		
Purpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.		
3. Term Dates: From (mm-dd-yyyy): 08-01-2024 To (mm-dd-yyyy): 07-31-2025		4. Exchange Visitor Category: <b>STUDENT SECONDARY</b>
Subject/Field Code: _____ Subject/Field Code Remark: _____		Rotary International Youth Exchange Program
5. Being the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: Maximum Program sponsor funds: \$1,200.00 Host: \$1,200.00		
6. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER ATTESTATION: I attest that prior to issuing this Form DS-2019, the Program Sponsor representative identified herein, the Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer, has verified, in accordance with the requirements of 22 CFR 62.110, that each applicant for exchange visitor status: (1) holds dual citizenship and is eligible for participation in the program; (2) possesses adequate financial resources to participate in and complete the exchange visitor program; and (3) possesses adequate financial resources to support an independently sponsored dependent, if any, who also will apply for and receive the visa. I am personally present at this office at the U.S. Embassy in _____ and the consular registry of this State has been provided to the U.S. Department of State.		7. Responsible Officer Information: Name of Official Preparing Form: <b>Joseph Ramirez</b> Title: _____ Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): <b>08-10-2024</b> City: _____ State: _____
8. Statement of Responsible Officer or Exchange Sponsor (FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAMS sponsored by the program specified in item 1 in necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1946, as amended): Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) of Signature: _____		
PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 11(b) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND 22 CFR 62.104, AS APPLICABLE (see item 8 of page 1): The Exchange Visitor in the above program: <input type="checkbox"/> Not subject to two-year residence requirement. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to two-year residence requirement based on: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government training and/or B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor Skills List and/or C. <input type="checkbox"/> 22 CFR 62.104 as amended.		TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is 2 years): *EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work Travel. (1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time. Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ (2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time. Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____
9. EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 8 on page 2 of this document. Signature of Applicant: _____ Place: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____		



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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Complete, Correct, Compliant?
<p><b>STEP 1</b></p> <p>Obtain <b>DS-2019</b></p>	<p>Obtain your DS-2019 from SCANEX Rotary Youth Exchange from your <b>Country Coordinator</b>.</p> <p>All individuals requesting J-1 status will be issued a DS-2019.</p> <p>The DS-2019 is a document that details the nature of your visit and verifies that you have documented eligibility to obtain J-1 status. You will use your DS-2019 to apply for the J-1 visa at a U.S. consulate and must be received before you apply for your visa.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>STEP 2</b></p> <p>Check your form DS-2019 for <b>completeness</b> and <b>correctness</b>.</p>	<p>Your DS-2019 indicates that SCANEX Rotary Youth Exchange has created a record for you in SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System), a national database for international students and scholars.</p> <p>Your unique assigned <b>SEVIS ID number</b> is in the <b>upper right corner of page 1</b>. See <b>RED BOX</b> on SAMPLE DS-2019.</p> <p>Check to see that all information is <b>correct</b> (name, spelling, date of birth, place of birth, etc.) and that your expected completion date is in the future.</p> <p>You will need to <b>sign the DS-2019</b> with your name, city and country of your location, and the date of signature at the bottom of Page 1 once you have read the "Exchange Visitor Certification" statement on page 2. See <b>BLUE BOX</b> on SAMPLE DS-2019.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<p><b>STEP 3</b></p> <p><b>Make an appointment</b> at a U.S. Consulate or Embassy.</p>	<p>To apply for an J-1 Student entry visa, you will need the DS-2019 form SCANEX Rotary Youth Exchange at the time of your appointment.</p> <p><b>For more information on visa appointments, check these websites:</b></p> <p><i>For information about current waiting times for the appointment and for visa issuance:</i></p> <p><b><a href="http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/wait_4638.html">http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/wait_4638.html</a></b></p> <p>NOTE that the processing wait times do not include extra time that may be required for security clearances.</p> <p><i>To locate the nearest U.S. Consulate and its instructions for applying for a visa (including links to required forms):</i></p> <p><b><a href="http://usembassy.gov/">http://usembassy.gov/</a></b></p> <p>Make a list of documentation required for the interview. Note procedures for paying the visa application fee and any visa issuance fees, if applicable.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>STEP 4</b></p> <p>Make sure your <b>passport is valid.</b></p>	<p>IMPORTANT: When you apply for a visa or enter the U.S., your passport must be valid for <b>at least six (6) months</b> past your return date (for example, your passport must be valid until at least January 2027 if you have a planned July 2026 return date).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>STEP 5</b></p>	<p>With your DS-2019 in front of you, go to the web site <b><a href="http://www.fmjfee.com">http://www.fmjfee.com</a></b> and follow the instructions.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<p><b>Pay the SEVIS fee</b> and print the receipt.</p>	<p>Students are required to pay a <b>I-901 SEVIS fee</b> (around \$350 USD), prior to completing the DS-160 visa application.</p> <p><b>Print copies of the receipt:</b> You will need a receipt with you for the visa interview and you should keep one for your own records.</p> <p><b><i>You can only access the receipt at the time of payment so be sure your printer is working before paying the fee.</i></b></p>	
<p><b>STEP 6</b></p> <p>Complete the required Department of State application form</p> <p><b>DS-160</b></p>	<p><b>DS-160:</b> Everyone applying for a J-1 visa must complete this form.</p> <p>Complete this electronic form and take a <b>printed copy</b> with you to the interview.</p> <p><b><a href="https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/">https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/</a></b></p> <p>DS-160 fee is around \$185 USD.</p> <p><b>Print copies of the receipt:</b> You will need a receipt with you for the visa interview and you should keep one for your own records.</p> <p>To fill out the DS-160, you will need the following information from the DS-2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program number (<b>YELLOW BOX</b> on Sample DS-2019 above)</li> <li>• SEVIS number (<b>RED BOX</b> on Sample DS-2019)</li> <li>• Responsible Officer information (<b>GREEN BOX</b> on Sample-DS-2019)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<p><b>STEP 7</b></p> <p><b>Pay Fees</b></p>	<p>Follow instructions for paying any visa fees required in advance of your appointment. Procedures may vary from country to country, and even post to post within the same country.</p> <p><i>Note that application and issuance fees are based on reciprocity and generally reflect your country's policies in granting visa privileges to visiting U.S. students.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>STEP 8</b></p> <p>Bring two <b>passport photos</b> less than six months old.</p>	<p>Make sure your passport photos are <b>compliant</b>.</p> <p>Check "Photograph Requirements":</p> <p><b><a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/photos.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/photos.html</a></b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>STEP 9</b></p> <p><b>Prepare for your interview</b> appointment.</p>	<p>You will be applying for a <b>J-1 student visa</b>, a non-immigrant classification.</p> <p>According to U.S. immigration law, "Every alien shall be presumed to be an <i>immigrant</i> until he establishes to the satisfaction of the consular officer, at the time of application for admission, that he is entitled to a non-immigrant status." This means you need to establish that you have <b>no intention of staying in the U.S. permanently</b>, but are coming here for a temporary purpose, i.e. to pursue your educational objective. Consular officers are aware that it may be difficult for students to demonstrate strong professional and economic ties to their home countries, but you should still think about how to show those home country ties.</p> <p>The home-country physical-presence requirement. (also known as 2-year residency requirement - INA Section 212(e)) Some, but not all, Exchange Visitors are subject to this requirement. Its purpose is to have the home country benefit from the Exchange Visitor's experience in the United States. Exchange visitors come to this country for a specific objective such as a program</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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	<p>of study or a research project. The requirement is intended to prevent a participant from staying longer than necessary for the objective, and to ensure that he or she will spend at least two years in the home country before coming back to the United States for a long-term stay. For the terms of the requirement please see page (2) of the enclosed Form DS - 2019. If you have questions about the requirement, including whether or not you will be subject to it, please raise them with the Consular Officer when you apply for your visa.</p> <p>In advance of your interview, please read the following article published by NAFSA, an Association of International Educators, in consultation with the U.S. State Department.:</p> <p><i>Ten Points to Remember When Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.nafsa.org/professional-resources/browse-by-interest/10-points-remember-when-applying-student-visa">https://www.nafsa.org/professional-resources/browse-by-interest/10-points-remember-when-applying-student-visa</a></p>	
<p><b>STEP 10</b></p> <p>Interview <b>Checklist</b></p>	<p>Make sure you have the following <b>hard copies with you</b> for your interview:</p> <p>___ A passport valid until at least <b>six (6) months past</b> your intended return date</p> <p>___ Form DS-2019</p> <p>___ Rotary Youth Exchange Letter of Invitation</p> <p>___ A completed visa application (DS-160) <i>Remember to take a <b>printed copy</b> with you.</i></p> <p>___ Photographs in the correct format</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>



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	<p>___ A receipt for the visa application fee</p> <p>___ A receipt for the SEVIS fee</p> <p>___ Financial evidence that shows you have sufficient funds to cover your living expenses during the period you intend to study or otherwise participate in your program.</p> <p>___ Any information that demonstrates your intention to return to your home country after finishing your studies in the U.S. This may include proof of property, family, or other ties to your community.</p>	
<p><b>STEP 11</b></p> <p>Make sure you get what you requested!</p>	<p>After the visa is processed and before you leave the appointment, make sure you got what you asked for!</p> <p>Check your passport to be sure you obtained a <b>J-1</b> visa allowing for <b>multiple entry</b>.</p> <p><b>Be certain that the DS-2019 is returned to you, as you must have the original with you when you arrive in the United States.</b></p> <p>Sometimes, the document is returned to you in a sealed envelope, which must be presented to the immigration inspector when you arrive.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>