

Timing

1. The program dates are established by the Consular Section after a survey of major post-secondary institutions. The valid program dates for SWT 2009 will be **June 1 – August 31** for all students from Uzbekistan except those attending *Westminster International University in Tashkent* whose program dates will be **June 1 – September 30** and the students of the *Management Development Institute of Singapore in Tashkent* whose program dates are set as **July 18 - October 5**. Programs that go beyond this range will not be accepted. Extending program dates in the U.S. is not permitted.
2. Applicants may apply anytime before the program but cannot enter the U.S. until 30 days before the start of the program.
3. Grace period. J-1 visa holders may stay in the U.S. up to 30 calendar days after the date of completion of the program. This period may be used for travel in the U.S. or for preparation for departure. No work is allowed during this period.

Required documents for visa application

1. DS-156 (electronic application required of all visa applicants)
 2. DS-157 (only for male applicants)
 3. DS-158
 4. A valid Form DS-2019, issued by the sponsor organization in the U.S.
 5. Form I-901 or I-797 confirming the payment of the SEVIS fee. Paid online with a credit card at www.fmjfee.com . The amount of the fee for the SWT is USD35.
 6. One photo, that conforms to the Consular Section 's requirements (see Consular Section 's webpage).
 7. Valid passport
- Students are strongly advised to bring proof of their active student status, i.e. letters from the university, grade book (zachetka) .

Some useful links:

General information on the SWT program:

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/jexchanges/private/swt.htm>

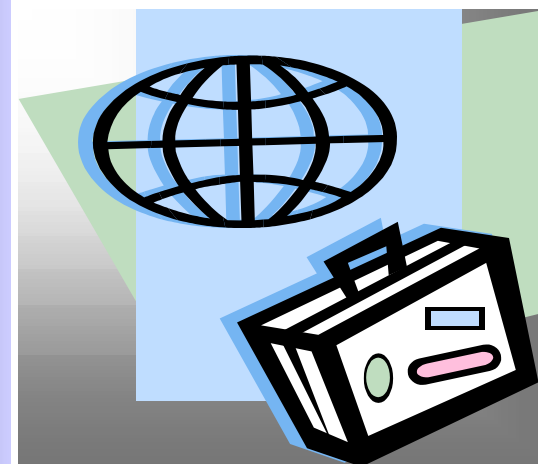
Current list of designated sponsors for the SWT:

<http://eca.state.gov/jexchanges/index.cfm?fuseaction=record.list&cat=12>

Consular Section 's webpage:

<http://uzbekistan.usembassy.gov>

Summer Work and Travel



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All about Summer Work and Travel



Purpose:

The purpose of the Summer Work/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 through travel and temporary work for a period of up to four months during their summer vacation.

Who can apply?

1. Only post-secondary students actively pursuing a degree or a full-time course of study at an accredited educational institution may apply. Vocational School students are not eligible unless they can prove that their study will ultimately lead to a degree from a full time institution. College students and correspondence course (zaohnaya ucheba) students do not qualify.
2. Students must be proficient in English.
3. Final year students may apply. Participants must be students at the time of application.
4. Students who have participated before may apply again. Repeat participation is not limited.
5. The program has no age limits.

How to Apply?

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