

# Program Fee and Stipend Information for Exchange Visitor (Intern/Trainee)



WFE charges no upfront fees before the DS-7002 form is sent.

Worldwide Farmers Exchange charges a program fee for each intern/trainee participant, based on their program dates. These are the only fees charged by WFE:

## General Agriculture Program Fee

**\$600 per month, per intern/trainee (paid to WFE by the host)**

## Wine Program Fee

**\$2700 (for up to four months)**

- ✓ \$1700 before the DS-2019 can be sent
- ✓ \$1000 when the visa is approved, before arrival in the U.S.

Note: If the visa is denied, \$1000 of the initial \$1700 fee may be refunded upon request.

The Program Fee includes the following:

- ✓ Program sponsorship and J-1 visa application document processing by WFE
- ✓ Medical insurance coverage while the participant is in the U.S., from arrival to departure
- ✓ SEVIS/I-901 fee (Wine Program only)
- ✓ Host screening and site visits performed by WFE
- ✓ Tax return processing service through Sprintax (if applicable)
- ✓ 24/7 support from our staff for all urgent matters

## General Agriculture and Wine Program Fees and Payments

Payroll Method	Stipend Method
Intern/trainee paid by HOST	Intern/trainee paid by WFE (\$1400+, payments sent around the 25th of each month)
WFE Program Fee per month: \$600 per intern/trainee	Monthly fee charged to HOST: \$2000+ per intern/trainee (incl. \$600 fee and \$1400 minimum stipend, plus any overtime payments)
Intern/trainee hours per week: 45-60*	Interns/trainees' hours per week: 45-60*
Subject to Federal and State income tax	Not subject to Federal or State income tax
Not subject to SS, Medicare, or FUTA	Not subject to SS, Medicare, or FUTA
Intern/trainee receives free tax return processing through Sprintax	Not applicable (intern/trainees paid by WFE are not subject to income tax deduction and not required to file tax returns)
Payroll Deduction Authorization Form required prior to visa application	No PDA required

## Wine Program: Payroll Method

Payroll Method
Interns/trainees paid by HOST
Fee charged to Intern/Trainee \$2700 for a standard 4-month program (\$400/month after)
Intern/trainee hours per week: 45-60*
Subject to Federal and State income tax
Not subject to SS, Medicare, or FUTA
Intern/trainee receives free tax return processing through Sprintax
No PDA required

\*Any overtime hours over the listed amounts are to be voluntary and paid/compensated.

### Exchange Visitor with WFE host must:

- Earn at least \$1400 per month (after any deductions)
- Have at least one full day off per week
- Adhere to a standard 40-hour week
- Only perform overtime/extra hours if they are **voluntary and paid**

Because of a private tax ruling, participants receiving stipends from WFE are not subject to income tax and do not need to file tax returns.