



# CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL

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## JOB DESCRIPTION

### USA WORK & TRAVEL PROGRAM



### Employer Information

**Employer name:** Stripes, LLC  
**Type of business:** Store  
**Job location:** Stripes Store 2145  
**City:** PORT ARANSAS  
**State:** TX  
**Zip:** 78373  
**Website:** www.susser.com

### Why choose us?

Port Aransas is a very popular beach resort. It is small but filled with tourists. Complete computer/ipad based training program.

### Cultural exchange activities

While visiting Port Aransas, be sure to view our five historical markers, historic Lydia Ann lighthouse and historical cemetery located throughout our town. Markers include the Tarpon Inn, Aransas Pass C.S.A., World War II Coastal Defenses at the Aransas Pass, United States Coast Guard on Mustang Island and the newly dedicated Mustang Island marker, which is located at the museum.

Experience the history of our town with a trip to the Port Aransas Museum. Here, you'll look into the town's and its inhabitants' colorful and storied past with exhibits, photos and video. From the Karankawas and the Spanish Explorers to the Mustangs and world-famous fishermen, the story unfolds. The museum also offers special tours of unique spots on the island, classes and seminars .

For additional history and an overview of Port Aransas/Mustang Island, visit the museum located at Alister and Brundrett and the University of Texas Marine Science Institute Visitors' Center located on Cotter at the beach.

### Position

**Job title:** Store 2145 - Sales Associate, Clerk, Cashier, Stocker

**Job description and required skills:** Advanced English. Must be willing to do all jobs. Must have courteous customer service, ring up sales on cash register, handle American currency, complete general cleaning of the store, prepare food items, maintain sanitary conditions in food areas, as well as stocking merchandise. You will be standing for the entire shift. Please note you may be asked to work at any of their 4 stores: #9433 - 511 E. Cotter Ave; #2150 - 3501 State Hwy 361; #2141 - 322 E Ave G; #2114 - 701 S. Alister St.

**English level required:** advanced

**Hourly wage (before taxes):** \$10.00

**Position ID:** 33893



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Tips:	no
Bonus:	no
Estimated hours per day:	8
Number of days per week:	5
Possibility of students getting more than estimated hours:	good
If so, is overtime paid at the rate of 1.5 hourly, after 40 hours of work per week?	yes
Earliest start date:	05/15/2017
Latest start date:	06/01/2017
Earliest end date:	08/31/2017
Latest end date:	09/07/2017
Is the employer willing to hire couples?	no
Is the employer willing to hire group of friends?	yes
Are meals included?	no
Is a drug test required?	no
Is Skype interview required?	no
Do students complete an additional application upon arrival?	yes
Possibility to find a second job in the area	yes

**Second jobs require you to contact CHI at [chiwt@chinet.org](mailto: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:	This job must be your first priority. A second job cannot interfere with your scheduled hours.
How soon after arrival will participants begin working?	Within a day or two of arrival.
Specific instructions for arrival to employer:	Please see Welcome Letter.
Is training required?	yes
Conditions of training:	Training will be provided.
Is there possibility to change positions?	no
Are students required to wear a uniform?	yes
Does employer provide uniform?	yes
Cost of uniform:	0
Is uniform refundable?	no



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**Do students need to purchase specific clothes or footwear?**

yes

**If so, details for clothing:**

You must bring khaki or black knee length pants or capris and closed toed shoes in any color. Employer provides company shirt, hat and name badge at no charge. You must return uniform on your last day. 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.

**Additional information:**

Must be dependable, hard working, friendly and be a very trustworthy and honest individual. The closest mall or Walmart-type store is 30 miles away. The bus is available for approx. 50 cents. Employer will also make arrangements to take you 2-3 times a month if you want. Will share housing with other students of same gender. May handle pork on the job.

## Housing Information

**Housing name:**

Stripes

**Housing address:**

213 Avenue J

**City:**

Port Aransas, TX 78373

361-765-7301 cell

**Fax:**

**Contact:**

Kimberly Garlington

**Email:**

kim.garlington@susser.com

**Website:**

**Housing assisted by:**

Employer

**Is student required to sign a separate housing contract?**

no

**Type of housing:**

House

**Number of people to a room:**

4

**Bedrooms:**

3

**Bath:**

3

**Estimated cost of housing per week:**

\$350/month

**Is housing cost deducted from paycheck?**

no

**Is housing deposit required?**

yes

**Deposit amount:**

\$100

**Housing deposit due date:**

Arrival

**Instructions for deposit payment:**

Must pay \$100 deposit upon arrival.

**Is housing deposit refundable?**

yes

**Conditions for deposit refund:**

Deposit is refunded if student stays until their contract end date and house is left clean and not damaged.

**Utilities included:**

yes



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<b>If so, utilities details:</b>	Electricity, water, garbage, internet, phone, TV.
<b>Utilities estimated cost per month:</b>	0
<b>Is the housing mandatory?</b>	yes
<b>Can students find alternative housing during their stay?</b>	no
<b>Method of transportation from housing to work site:</b>	Walking
<b>Transportation details:</b>	All the store locations are located a few blocks from housing with 1 store no more than one mile from the housing. A trolley is available to get to most locations and if you are working at Store 2150 - 3501 State Hwy 361, your employer has worked out an arrangement with the taxi company since we do not want students walking on the highway to work.
<b>Additional housing features:</b>	Upstairs unit has 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths. There is also a complete kitchen upstairs. Downstairs unit is studio type with full kitchen, full bath and sleeps 3. The house (upstairs and downstairs) is fully furnished and very nice.
<b>Location of work site best described as:</b>	Ocean
<b>Location details:</b>	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. Port Aransas is the premier vacation destination for beach, sun and family fun! Our tranquil, tropical community boasts miles of natural beaches, gentle gulf breezes and just-right weather making our island a perfect, peaceful get away. Population: 3,500 approx.
<b>Average daily temperature:</b>	Summer: High 93F (34C); Low 78F (26C)
<b>Community or regional website:</b>	<a href="http://www.portaransas.org">www.portaransas.org</a>
<b>Nearest cities:</b>	Corpus Christi
<b>Distance to nearest cities:</b>	35 miles (56K)
<b>What to wear:</b>	Summer: Light clothing, shorts, t-shirts, sunscreen, flip flops, swimsuits, sunglasses
<b>Available public transportation:</b>	Island bus
<b>Public transportation access:</b>	Throughout the city
<b>Accessible amenities (by walking or public transportation):</b>	
<b>Food market:</b>	yes
<b>Shopping mall:</b>	no
<b>Post office:</b>	yes
<b>Bank:</b>	yes
<b>Movie theater:</b>	no
<b>Restaurants:</b>	yes
<b>Fitness center:</b>	yes
<b>Laundry:</b>	yes
<b>Internet café:</b>	yes
<b>Public library:</b>	yes
<b>Comments:</b>	



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### Suggested Travel Information

<b>Nearest international airport:</b>	San Antonio Int Airport (SAT)
<b>Nearest airport:</b>	Corpus Christi Airport
<b>Transportation from airport to employer and / or housing:</b>	Employer will provide from Corpus Christi Airport
<b>Nearest bus station (to the airport):</b>	Greyhound Bus - 702 N. Chaparral St
<b>Bus information (web site):</b>	<a href="http://www.greyhound.com">www.greyhound.com</a>
<b>Nearest train information (to the airport):</b>	n/a
<b>Train information (web site):</b>	n/a
<b>Cost per night:</b>	Varies
<b>Transportation to overnight accomodation:</b>	Employer will provide
<b>Transportations cost:</b>	n/a
<b>Specific instructions:</b>	Employer prefers students to fly into Corpus Christi Airport. From there they will arrange to pick you up if you contact them at least two weeks prior to traveling. They will need your flight arrival information into Corpus Christi.

### Social Security Information

<b>Does the company require students to have Social Security number before arriving to the work place?</b>	no
<b>Does the company provide Social Security application assistance?</b>	yes
<b>Where is the closest Social Security office?</b>	Corpus Christi
<b>How far is the Social Security office from the work place?</b>	35 miles (56K)
<b>Specific instructions:</b>	YOU MUST WAIT 10 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER VALIDATING IN SEVIS BEFORE GOING TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE or you will be DENIED! The office is located at: 3801 South Port Avenue, Corpus Cristi, TX 78415; Telephone: 1-866-613-2859; Hours: Mon & Tue 9am - 3pm, Wed 9am - 12pm, Thu & Fri 9am - 3pm, except Federal holidays. Be sure to get a receipt, it is the only proof that you have applied!



**WELCOME LETTER**  
**Cultural Homestay International**

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**Stripes #2145**

219 North Alister Street  
Port Aransas, Texas 78373  
[www.stripesstores.com](http://www.stripesstores.com)

**Employer Contact Information:**

Kimberly Garlington  
Email: [kim.garlington@susser.com](mailto:kim.garlington@susser.com)  
Phone: 361-765-7301 cellor 361-884-2463

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Hello Participants,

I will be your Program Coordinator during your Work & Travel program. My name is **KATHY MEARS**. We are here to help you prepare for your exciting summer in **Corpus Christi, Texas**, working for **Stripes!** This packet contains very important information regarding your travels, so please be sure to **READ IT IN FULL**, and print a copy to bring with you to the United States.

\* If you have not yet purchased a plane ticket, you should do so as soon as possible. **Log into [www.Sevis.Org](http://www.Sevis.Org) and enter your Flight information as soon as you purchase your ticket.**

**\*IF YOU WERE DENIED YOUR VISA AND ARE RECEIVING THIS EMAIL RESPOND TO THE SENDER AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE NOT COMING!**

If you have any question, please don't hesitate to me, or my Employment Services Manager; **MARY WOLFE ([chimaryw@chinet.org](mailto:chimaryw@chinet.org))** or our Administrative Assistant **LINDSEY BUCKLE ([chilindsey@chinet.org](mailto:chilindsey@chinet.org))**.

For general questions and emergencies, you may always contact CHI's Main Office at 1(800) 432-4643.

Have a safe trip!

Sincerely,

Kathy Mears, CHI Program Coordinator  
[chikathleen@chinet.org](mailto:chikathleen@chinet.org) | 832-566-5228  
Cultural Homestay International  
Facebook: [LIKE us on CHI Western Region](#)

## **1. BEFORE DEPARTURE**

Read your CHI Student Handbook. You should have received this from your agency.

Bring:

- Documents: Passport, J- 1 Visa, DS 2019, sponsorship letter, job offer
- \$1000 US available (transportation from airport, housing deposits, food, etc.)
- Carry On (a change of clothes, medicines, copy of this letter) Always keep your important paperwork with you while traveling. Do NOT pack it!
- Contact your employer by email to notify him/her of your specific arrival time.
- Plan your flight accordingly: if your final destination is 5 hours away, make sure your flight arrives early in the day OR you have made a reservation at a hostel to stay overnight.
- **Log into [www.sevis.org](http://www.sevis.org) as soon as you know your flights so you can enter your flight information!**

## **2. CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER**

The contact person at **Stripes** is **Kimberly Garlington**; you must contact **Kim** and **CHI** and let us know your flight information and when EXACTLY you will be arriving!

Please email **Kim** immediately at [kim.garlington@susser.com](mailto:kim.garlington@susser.com). **Please also email your Program Coordinator, KATHY at [CHIKATHLEEN@CHINET.ORG](mailto:CHIKATHLEEN@CHINET.ORG) with your exact arrival information and to confirm receipt of this letter!**

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## **3. HOUSING:**

Rent is \$350.00 per month. Must pay \$100 deposit upon arrival. Deposit is refunded if student stays until their contract end date and house is left clean and not damaged. Utilities included are Electricity, water, garbage, internet, phone, TV. All the store locations are located a few blocks from housing with 1 store no more than one mile from the housing. A trolley is available to get to most locations and if you are working at Store 2150 - 3501 State Hwy 361, your employer has worked out an arrangement with the taxi company since we do not want students walking on the highway to work.

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#### **4. DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT TO YOUR HOUSING**

Arrival to Corpus Christi, Texas by airline or by bus. There is no airport or bus station in Port Aransas, Texas. Your employer Kim lives in Rockport, Texas. Email: kim.garlington@susser.com  
Phone: 361-765-7301 cell or 361-884-2463

You must contact your employer at least 2 weeks in advance of traveling and tell them your date and time of arrival and ask if they are available to pick you up in Corpus Christi; otherwise you can take a taxi to Port Aransas - the cost is approximately \$85. You can also take the Flexi-B Bus for \$1.25 that runs to Port Aransas. The schedule is a little more limited than taking a taxi. Please see [www.portaransas.org/about/shuttle-ferry](http://www.portaransas.org/about/shuttle-ferry) and click on the Flexi-B link.

Please do not take a taxi from Houston or San Antonio to Port Aransas. It will cost hundreds of dollars and it is over 200 miles. The very long way and not recommended is to take a taxi or SuperShuttle from Houston Bush International Airport to Port Aransas.

A taxi from the airport will cost approximately \$55 to go downtown to the bus station.  
<http://www.fly2houston.com/iah-Ground-Transportation>

Houston Greyhound Station: 2121 Main Street; Houston, TX 77002; Telephone Numbers: Main: (713) 759-6565; Customer Service: (713) 759-6581

Take a Greyhound Bus from Houston to Rockport, Texas. This is very close to your employer's Kim's house. Greyhound bus does not go into Port Aransas. Please call Greyhound or view their website for the bus schedule from Houston to Corpus Christi: [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

#### **5. SEVIS**

**Before you arrive in USA-** Log in to [www.sevis.org](http://www.sevis.org) and enter your flight information as soon as you purchase your flight ticket.

**After you arrive in USA -** Log into the SEVIS system within THREE days of your arrival to the United States!

Any delay can affect your Social Security Card application, which then affects WHEN YOU CAN START WORKING! VALIDATE YOUR SEVIS STATUS IMMEDIATELY!

- a. Log in to [www.sevis.org](http://www.sevis.org) upon arrival in the USA. If you can't log in then you need to call us.
- b. Call CHI at 1(800) 432-4643 if you can't log on to complete the SEVIS validation process.
- c. Refer to your Student Handbook if you need specific instructions about how to log in. (Most public libraries have internet access – speak with library staff about your temporary stay in the US.)
- d. **Log back in after 3 days to make sure your visa status has been validated – this is a requirement BEFORE applying for a social security number!**

#### **6. APPLYING FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

- **Validate your Visas in SEVIS.**

- **Then wait approximately 10 days and visit the closest social security office at:**

Address: 3801 South Port Avenue, Corpus Christi, TX 78415

**Phone:** 1-866-613-2859

Hours: MON: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM; TUES: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM; WED: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM;  
THUR: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM; FRI: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM; SAT & SUN & Federal Holidays: CLOSED

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A RECEIPT AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. IT'S YOUR ONLY PROOF THAT YOU APPLIED!

**VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE:**

- **Put your employer's address or your permanent housing on the application; otherwise your card may not reach you.**

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**We look forward to meeting you!!**

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## American Study Guide for Cashiers

### American Coins



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1. **Penny ~ One Cent Coin ~ .01**
2. **Nickel ~ Five Cent Coin ~ .05**
3. **Dime ~ Ten Cent Coin ~ .10**
4. **Quarter ~ Twenty - Five Cent Coin ~ .25**
5. **Half Dollar ~ Fifty Cent Coin ~ .50 (Rarely Used Coin)**
6. **One Dollar ~ One Dollar Coin ~ 1.00 (Rarely Used Coin)**

### American Notes



**\$1.00 Note (Common)**



***\$2.00 Note (Not Common)***



***\$5.00 Note (Common)***



***\$10.00 Note (Common)***



***\$20.00 Note (Common)***



***\$50.00 Note (Common)***



***\$100.00 Note (Common)***