



## CHI WORK AND TRAVEL

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San Rafael, CA 94901 USA

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### Job Description

#### EMPLOYER INFORMATION

**Employer Name:** Viktorianna LLC  
**DBA:** Viktorianna Photography  
**Type of Business:** Photography  
**Job location:** 430 E Commerce St  
**Location type:** Metropolitan area  
**City:** San Antonio  
**State:** TX  
**Zip:** 78205  
**Website:** viktorianna.com

#### Why choose us?

This is a very interesting job located in San Antonio's historic River Walk area. Beautiful work area and you get the opportunity to talk to many tourists from all over the world coming here to visit.

#### Cultural exchange activities

The River Walk area offers many cultural activities, plus nearby is Six Flags and Sea World. We include our international participants in all our company events.

#### Position

**Job title:** Photographer

**Job prerequisites:** Advanced English is required since you will be approaching and starting up conversations with strangers.

**Job description:** Extremely outgoing personality required. Must be able to approach public people, converse easily with them, offer to take their photo, handle printing the picture on the computer, presenting the pictures, and collecting payment in a comfortable, professional manner. You will be using the computer to print the pictures and handling American currency. You need to be very outgoing, love to smile & must be comfortable approaching and talking to strangers. Helping answer any questions they may have about the process and ensuring they have a great experience is all part of giving them excellent customer service.

IMPORTANT! any changes in program dates requires a six (6) week advance notice. This helps the employer with the housing lease terms. PLEASE be as accurate as possible with your arrival and departure dates.

**English level required:** Advanced

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

**Wage comments:** average pay is 18-20\$ per hour (10\$ hourly +tips and commission). Every student who will do the job properly should be able to achieve it.

**Position ID:** 16943

#### Position Information

**Tips:** yes

**Bonus:** Yes

**Bonus comments:** At the management's discretion (not a guarantee). Bonus is based on hours worked, attitude, work performance, being a team player, no written discipline, or excessive absences from work. You also must work until your contracted end date on your Job Offer.



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Estimated hours per day: 5-8

Number of days per week: 5

Overtime: Slight

Overtime details: Any overtime must be approved by management.

Earliest start date: 5/16/2022

Latest start date: 6/20/2022

Earliest end date: 8/30/2022

Latest end date: 10/5/2022

Is the employer willing to hire couples? Yes

Is the employer willing to hire group of friends? Yes

Meals? No

Meals details:

Is a drug test required? No

Drug test comments:

Is employer interview required? No

Employer interview details:

Do students complete an additional application upon arrival? No

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: Second jobs are allowed with the employer's approval and CHI's vetted approval. Please ask CHI for the 2nd job offer form. Any 2nd job must not interfere with your primary schedule and your work performance.

When will work begin? Within a few days of arrival

Arrival Instructions: Please inform your CHI Program Coordinator and your employer at least 2 weeks prior to arriving, your complete travel arrangements.

Is training required? Yes

Conditions of training: Training will continue until each participant is able to handle the position on their own.

Is there possibility to change positions? No

Uniform required? Yes

Does employer provide uniform? Yes

Cost of uniform: \$15.00

Is uniform refundable? Yes

Uniform provided details: Employer will provide your work t-shirt

Do students need to purchase specific clothes or footwear? Yes

If so, details for clothing: Participants must bring black pants and black sneakers. No logos or branding visible. If you don't bring them with you, you can purchase them in the USA. Expect to pay approx. \$50 for these items.

Grooming: Clothing & personal grooming should reflect common sense & good taste; Provide a positive professional image to the general public. No visible tattoos. Ear piercing only & no more than two piercings per ear. Good hygiene must be maintained, including daily



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showering, use of deodorant, and laundered clothes. Hair must be pulled back at all times and clean. Men - no facial hair

**Important points of job:** Must like to smile, talk to strangers, and be helpful, and have excellent customer service skills. Please be accurate with your arrival & departure dates for the housing lease requirements.

**Additional position information:**

### Housing Information

**Housing name:** Viktorianna Housing

**Housing address:** 500 N Santa Rosa St

**City:** San Antonio

**Phone:** (000) 000-0000

**Fax:**

**Contact:** Viktor Krizma

**Email:** viktor.krizma@gmail.com

**Website:**

**Housing assisted by:** Employer

**Is student required to sign a separate housing contract?** No

**If so, contract details:**

**Type of housing:** Apartment

**Number of people to a room:** 2+

**Bedrooms:** 1+

**Bath:** 1+

**Cost Type:** Month

**Cost Amount:** \$500.00

**Cost Details** per student

**Is housing cost deducted from paycheck?** Yes

**Is housing deposit required?** Yes

**Deposit amount:** \$200

**Housing deposit due date:** upon arrival

**Instructions for deposit payment:** You must give your \$200 security deposit to Viktor prior to moving in.

**Is housing deposit refundable?** Yes

**Conditions for deposit refund:** If the unit is left clean and free from damage. Also, you must not make changes to your departure date without at least 6 weeks' advance notice.

**Utilities included:** Yes

**If so, utilities details:** Electricity, Water, Garbage, and Internet

**Utilities estimated cost per month:** 0

**Is the housing mandatory?** Yes

**Can students find alternative housing during their stay?** No

**Method of transportation from housing to work site:** Walking

**Transportation details:** It is about a 15-minute walk to work. You may also get a bike to ride.



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**Additional housing features:** The apartment has a complete kitchen and all standard features. Basic furnishing and kitchen supplies provided. Students must buy bedsheets, cleaning supplies, kitchen items, or any additional household items. We also require students to purchase a mattress protector for \$20.

**Comments:** The apartment is in a downtown complex that offers a pool, laundry room, and a gym for your use.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You must give 6 weeks' advance notice to your employer if making changes to your arrival date or your departure date. This is to help prevent any fees charged due to changes to the housing leading agreement.

### Location Area Information

**Location type:** Metropolitan area

**Location of work site best described as:** beautiful River Walk area of San Antonio

**Location details:** San Antonio is a major city in south-central Texas with a rich colonial heritage. The Alamo, an 18th-century Spanish mission preserved as a museum, marks an infamous 1836 battle for Texan independence from Mexico. Following the San Antonio River, the miles-long River Walk is a landmark pedestrian promenade lined with cafes and shops is in the downtown area. HemisFair Park's 750-ft. Tower of the Americas overlooks the city. It can be extremely hot and humid in the summer in San Antonio. Be prepared for this extreme heat and humidity.  
Population: 1.5 million

**Average daily temperature:** SUMMER: Low: 68 F (20 C) High: 96 F (35.5 C)

**Community or regional website:** [www.visitsanantonio.com](http://www.visitsanantonio.com)

**Nearest cities:** NA

**Distance to nearest cities:** NA

**What to wear:** Summer: Shorts, jeans, pants, t-shirts, light jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen. Very hot and humid.

**Available public transportation:** [www.viainfo.net](http://www.viainfo.net)

**Public transportation access:** Throughout the city.

### Accessible amenities (by walking or public transportation)

**Food market:** Yes

**Shopping mall:** Yes

**Post office:** Yes

**Movie theater:** Yes

**Restaurants:** Yes

**Fitness center:** Yes

**Laundry:** Yes

**Internet café:** Yes

**Public library:** Yes



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#### Suggested Travel Information

- Nearest international airport:** Houston International Airport (IAH)
- Nearest airport:** San Antonio International Airport (SAT)
- Transportation from airport to employer and / or housing:** Employer will arrange pickup at San Antonio airport
- Nearest bus station (to the airport):** NA
- Bus information (web site):** Na
- Nearest train information (to the airport):** NA
- Train information (web site):** NA
- If participant arrives after hours suggested, overnight accomodation:** NA
- Cost per night:** NA
- Transportation to overnight accomodation:** NA
- Transportations cost:** NA
- Travel Instructions:** Please keep your CHI Program Coordinator and employer informed at least 2 weeks in advance about your travel arrangements.

#### Social Security Information

- Does the company require students to have Social Security number before arriving to the work place?** No
- Does the company provide Social Security application assistance?** Yes
- If so, details:** It is important you call the local SSA office within your first few days so you can get your appointment scheduled.
- Where is the closest Social Security office?** 411 RICHLAND HILLS DR SAN ANTONIO, TX 78245; Phone Number 1-866-253-0489;
- How far is the Social Security office from the work place?** 4.6 miles (7.4 km)
- Specific instructions:** Upon arrival in America, please validate your student profile in our database. Then, the next day, call Social Security Administration (SSA) to schedule your ss card appointment. Their offices are not open to drop in; only for those with appointments. If the SSA office says they will call you back and you don't hear from them, call them again (and again if necessary). Don't wait a week or more to talk to them.

By the end of your first two weeks, you should have your appointment scheduled. On your application form, please list your employer's mailing address to ensure your card arrives in a timely manner. Don't forget to get a receipt as proof that you applied for your ss card!



CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL

# Welcome Letter

WORK & TRAVEL

Dear Student,

Hello and Welcome! We are so happy that you will be visiting our country. Work & Travel can be exciting, fun, adventurous, but also overwhelming at times, especially in the beginning, but we believe you will find your experience rewarding and unforgettable. CHI is here to help! Please read carefully through this Welcome Letter.

My name is Mary Wolfe. I am the Regional Manager for the Western Region for Cultural Homestay International (CHI). My team and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have and we will also be available throughout your stay to assist with any problems that may occur. We have a CHI Program Coordinator that will be working with you during your program. You should be hearing from that person shortly via email. Please remember to check your email daily for important communications.

To have a successful program, you must stay in contact with your CHI representative.

Have the best summer of your life!

Regards,

*Mary*

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Regional Manager  
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CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL

# Program Information

WORK & TRAVEL

Please read the CHI Student Handbook, which you should have received at orientation or from your student agency. You are responsible for following all rules in this handbook. The rules are in place for your health, safety, and welfare. Failure to follow the rules may result in a participant's negative program status.

## Be Prepared

- Make photocopies of important documents and leave a copy with loved ones.
- Back up your digital photos, in case your phone is stolen or broken.
- Leave things you could not bear to lose at home.
- Bring your welcome letter, your important documents, two extra sets of clothes and your necessary medicine in your carry-on luggage. Checked luggage is often lost. The airline will deliver your bag to your US housing or employer once found, but it could take 3 or 4 days.
- \*If your luggage is lost, send it to your employer's address to ensure delivery.
- You are required to bring at least \$1000 with you from your country. We recommend you bring \$1200. In the first few weeks of Work & Travel, you will need these funds to establish yourself in a new country. You will need to pay your housing deposit, pay your rent, buy a sim card, purchase pillows, sheets, and blankets, food, uniforms, a bicycle, or have transportation money. It takes a few weeks to start working, be trained, become integrated into the schedule, and get your first paycheck. You don't want to run out of money before your first paycheck arrives. Be prepared, you are moving to another country.

## Communicate Your Arrival Information



- Check your email frequently for important information. Respond to it.
- Plan your flight accordingly: if your final destination is far away from your arrival airport, please check that your flight allows you to make any connecting transportation needed to get to your destination. If not, please make a reservation at a local hostel or motel and plan to continue your travels the next day.
- Do not arrive late at night! You may not be able to get into your housing after 20:00.
- You must contact your CHI representative, to let them know when you will be arriving.
- You must log onto [www.wt.chinet.org](http://www.wt.chinet.org) to enter your flight information, as soon as you book your ticket.
- Join CHI Facebook pages and WhatsApp group and become friends with your Program Coordinator.



## Be Safe

- Exercise adequate discretion, stay aware of your belongings, and avoid putting yourself into risky situations (such as unlit, deserted areas at night).
- Open a bank account, on the first day you check into your US housing, to keep the recommended \$1200 you brought from your country safe and secure. You will need this money. Never keep large amounts of money in your student housing no matter how much you trust your roommates.
- Once in the United States, never carry large amounts of money. You will have a debit card from the bank, if lost, this can always be cancelled. Do not give your PIN (personal identification number) to anyone. If you lose your cash, it can not be replaced.
- Do not carry your important documents or valuables to work. Keep your documents, including passport, safely hidden in your room. Never give your passport or documents to anyone (such as a landlord or employer) to keep. It is illegal for anyone to take your passport or documents from you for any reason.
- Bring an ID from your country to carry with you that can easily be replaced (University ID, residency card, drivers license). Passports are difficult & expensive to replace, and losing your passport can ruin your travel period plans.
- Establish a “do not lose it” discipline. Travelers are more likely to inadvertently lose their bags than to have them stolen. I have heard of students leaving passports under pillows, bags on the overhead rack on the bus, & documents in the taxi. Always take a look behind you as you leave.
- When you are out and about, never casually or carelessly set down any small valuable item, such as a phone or wallet. Either hold it in your hand or keep it tucked away. At cafés, do not place your phone on the tabletop or purse on the back of the chair where it will be easy to snatch — keep phones and valuables in your front pocket. Make it a habit to be careful with your things; it will become second nature.
- Stay vigilant in crowds and steer clear of disturbances near you.
- Participants should use common sense, stay with a partner or friend, especially at night. It is recommended participants let a friend know where they are.
- Bicycle riders with helmets had an 85 percent reduction in their risk of head injury and an 88 percent reduction in their risk of brain injury. If you ride a bicycle in the US, wear a helmet.

## Student Account Profile | [www.wt.chinet.org](http://www.wt.chinet.org)

- Validation is the second thing you need to do upon arrival in your new city, after calling your parents to report you have arrived safely.
- Log into your CHI Work & Travel profile page and complete your validation the same day you land in the USA. Many airports offer free wifi.
- If you are staying in a hotel the first days of your program, you should validate using the hotel information and update your information once you move to more permanent housing.
- If you have no access to the web, please call CHI at 1-800-432-4643. There are SERIOUS consequences if you do not validate your visa, beginning with a cancellation of your visa, so do it as soon as possible!
- Validation must be officially finalized by CHI before going to Social Security.
- Participants who do not validate or do not wait for the notification from CHI that their validation information has been approved, prior to going to Social Security, will delay their Social Security card for 60 days. Do not make this costly mistake.



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## Arriving at a United States Airport

The following documents you **MUST** have in your possession and present to the U.S. immigration officials upon arrival in the U.S.:

- Valid passport
- DS-2019 Form, the original copy signed with blue ink. Do not accidentally give your loved ones the original copy for safekeeping.
- I-901 SEVIS fee receipt
- J-1 Visa
- Job Offer
- Sponsor Letter
- Vaccination card

### Arrival Tips:

- The immigration officer will review all documents, validate, and place a stamp on your DS-2019 form and your passport. The officer will then return all validated documents to you, including the DS-2019 form.
- Use your “do not lose it” discipline, remember to collect all documents from the immigration officer. This is a place students often misplace documents. Students are nervous, excited and fail to check they have received everything back before leaving the area.
- Wait to check-in on social media or take a selfie until you check you have all your documents.
- You should have no problem entering the U.S. as long as you have all the proper documentation, cooperate and communicate respectfully with the U.S. immigration officers at the airport.

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## Traveling to your Final Destination

- Before you leave your home country map out your trip. This is a great website to use: [www.rome2rio.com](http://www.rome2rio.com). Your CHI representative will send you exact instructions in a letter prior to your arrival. Check your email daily, it is very important.
- When estimating your arrival time please add extra time for waiting for baggage, eating, or missing a bus or train connection.
- Be sure to have a small amount of American currency for regional travel before leaving the airport. Do NOT accept rides from strangers at the airport!
- Plan accordingly, if arriving late at night, please stay in a hotel or hostel and travel in the morning. (You will not be able to get into your housing if arriving late at night.)



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## Arriving at your Final Destination | What do I need to do now?

- Contact your employer, let them know you have arrived safely. They will provide you with your orientation/start date.
- 24 hours after entering the United States you will be required to retrieve a document on the internet called an I-94.
- Contact your CHI representative and let them know you arrived safely at your housing.
- Once you validate, the next day call the Social Security Administration and get an appointment to apply for your ss card.

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## I - 94

The I-94 Form is the Arrival / Departure Record that is issued by the immigration officer at the airport to all foreign visitors entering the United States. All I-94 records are created electronically and accessible online 24 hours after arrival.

### Retrieval Tips:

- Wait 24 hours following your arrival in the US before you attempt to retrieve your I-94 number.
- Ensure that the computer you are using is connected to a printer (local library).
- Go to the <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>
- Enter the required information in all CAPITAL letters. Please make sure you enter your name exactly as it appears in your passport
- Click Submit
- You must print this document, it is a required document at Social Security

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## Applying for a Social Security Number

You must apply for your SS card at the local Social Security Office. You have to call SSA and schedule your appointment. Their offices are not open to drop in. If they do not call you back, call them again (and again if necessary). By the end of your first two weeks, you should have your appointment scheduled. It is your responsibility to get an appointment to apply for your card.

### Required Documents:

- Valid passport
- DS-2019 Form, the original copy signed with blue ink. Do not accidentally give your loved ones the original copy for safekeeping.
- I-901 SEVIS fee receipt
- J-1 Visa
- I - 94 Form, printed from the internet at your local community library or employer.

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## Second Jobs

- CHI does not provide second jobs.
- Second jobs are possible. However, your responsibility is to your primary employer. It is the primary employers participation in the Work & Travel program that has afforded you the opportunity to come to the United States.
- A second job may not conflict with your primary CHI position in anyway.
- If you are considering looking for a second job, please be reminded the employer must be approved by CHI for your safety.
- Failure to have any second job approved may result in a participant's negative program status.
- Your CHI representative will send you exact instructions in a letter prior to your arrival. Check your email daily, it is very important.

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## Health Insurance

**It is required that all participants of Work & Travel obtain health insurance.**

- Your health insurance provider will email your instructions to obtain your insurance card.
- Do not leave your home country without accessing the health insurance website and printing your card.
- In the United States, doctors and hospitals are in different buildings. Doctors generally have offices away from the hospital or work at an urgent care facility or clinic.
- For a basic illness, you will go to a doctor's office, urgent care facility, or clinic, pay \$100 and your insurance should cover any costs incurred after \$100.
- For a serious emergency, you should go to the hospital or emergency center, pay \$250 and your insurance should cover any costs incurred after \$250.
- There is no dental or vision coverage. Please visit your primary care doctor and dentist in your home country before traveling to the United States.
- Please contact your CHI representative to report any illness or emergency you may have, so they can provide assistance.

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## Know the Law

- In the United States, you must be at least 21 years of age to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Underage drinking is illegal and can have severe consequences for young people who drink and for adults who provide alcoholic beverages to those under 21.

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*Be Safe. Follow the rules. Have fun.*

