



## CHI WORK AND TRAVEL

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San Rafael, CA 94901 USA

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1-415-459-5397 x2

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### Job Description

#### EMPLOYER INFORMATION

**Employer Name:** Sunsations Inc.  
**DBA:** Sunsations  
**Type of Business:** Retail  
**Job location:** 353 VILLAGE RD  
**Location type:** Beach town  
**City:** VIRGINIA BCH  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 23454  
**Website:** <https://sunsationsusa.com/>

#### Why choose us?

Stores are located along the Atlantic Ocean beaches. Most of our stores are in Virginia Beach, along the oceanfront. We also have 3 stores in the Outer Banks of NC.

#### Cultural exchange activities

All of our stores in Virginia Beach, are on the oceanfront which is very busy during the late spring/early summer months. The oceanfront has many concerts, festivals, etc. We also have the aquarium and the J-1 Cafe.

#### Position

**Job title:** Sunsations - Sales Associate  
**Job prerequisites:** English must be at a level to communicate with customers and co-workers.  
**Job description:** Primary responsibilities include selling and customer service, stocking merchandise and straightening merchandise in that order of priority. There are also cleaning duties in/out of the store. Some students are also trained to be cashiers. Students will be selling clothing, souvenirs, chairs, umbrellas and beach items.  
**English level required:** Advanced  
**Hourly wage (before taxes):** 9.00  
**Wage comments:**  
**Position ID:** 12513

#### Position Information

**Tips:** 0  
**Bonus:** No  
**Bonus comments:**  
**Estimated hours per day:** 7-9  
**Number of days per week:** 5-6  
**Overtime:** Slight  
**Overtime details:** If participants get any hours over 40 per week, it will be paid at time and a half.  
**Earliest start date:** 5/15/2020  
**Latest start date:** 6/15/2020  
**Earliest end date:** 8/31/2020  
**Latest end date:** 9/30/2020



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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: ALL second jobs must be pre-approved by CHI, BEFORE you start working. Contact your program coordinator, Wendie Mewszel for further instructions. [chiwendy@chinet.org](mailto:chiwendy@chinet.org)

When will work begin? As of the start date on your DS form.

Arrival Instructions: Students should contact the employer once you have arrived and during normal business hours. Please coordinate your arrival date/time with your housing landlord as well.

Is training required? Yes

Conditions of training: Sales training is provided that is applicable along with on the job training in customer service & merchandising.

Is there possibility to change positions? No

Uniform required? Yes

Does employer provide uniform? Yes

Cost of uniform: \$5

Is uniform refundable? No

Uniform provided details: 1 Sunations T-shirt

Do students need to purchase specific clothes or footwear? Yes

If so, details for clothing: Comfortable clothes and shoes for standing for long periods of time. Must wear yellow Sunations T-shirt with shorts/pants that are appropriate for selling and stock work.

Grooming: Good hygiene and uniform must be neat and clean.

Important points of job: Other than breaks, participants will be standing during the entire shift.

Additional position information:



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#### Housing Information

**Housing name:** 2020 - Paul Braut - VB

**Housing address:** 836 24TH ST

**City:** VIRGINIA BCH

**Phone:**

**Fax:**

**Contact:** Paul Braut

**Email:** paulbraut@yahoo.com

**Website:**

**Housing assisted by:** Must Arrange Own

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

**If so, contract details:** Contract signed upon arrival.

**Type of housing:** House

**Number of people to a room:** 2-4

**Bedrooms:** 3

**Bath:** 2

**Cost Type:** Week

**Cost Amount:** \$90.00

**Cost Details:** \$90 per week per person

**Is housing cost deducted from paycheck?** No

**Is housing deposit required?** Yes

**Deposit amount:** 150.00

**Housing deposit due date:** Arrival

**Instructions for deposit payment:** \$150 deposit is due upon arrival.

**Is housing deposit refundable?** Yes

**Conditions for deposit refund:** Deposit is refundable if the house is left clean with no damages. It is not refunded if you leave early.

**Utilities included:** Yes

**If so, utilities details:** Utilities included

**Utilities estimated cost per month:** 0

**Is the housing mandatory?** No

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

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

**Transportation details:** During the spring and summer, most people walk, ride a bike or take the HRT bus system.

**Additional housing features:** House is furnished

**Comments:** Laundry on site



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#### Location Area Information

**Location type:** Beach town

**Location of work site best described as:** Beach town

**Location details:** Located on the Virginia Beach oceanfront

**Average daily temperature:** 75-95 degrees Fahrenheit

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

**Nearest cities:** Norfolk

**Distance to nearest cities:** 20 miles

**What to wear:** Pants, t-shirt, light jacket, shorts, swim suit.

**Available public transportation:** Uber, Lyft, taxi, bus, trolley

**Public transportation access:**

#### 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:** Norfolk International Airport (ORF)
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- Transportation from airport to employer and / or housing:** Uber, Lyft or Taxi Service
- Nearest bus station (to the airport):** Greyhound
- Bus information (web site):** [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)
- Nearest train information (to the airport):** Amtrak
- Train information (web site):** [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)
- If participant arrives after hours suggested, overnight accomodation:** Hotel
- Cost per night:** \$100+
- Transportation to overnight accomodation:** Uber, Lyft or Taxi Service
- Transportations cost:** Varies
- Travel Instructions:** Please coordinate your arrival time with the landlord of your housing location. If you are arriving late at night, you may need to stay overnight in a hotel. You can check in with your employer the next morning, on the next business day.

#### 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?** No
- If so, details:** Students must provide their own transportation to the social security office.
- Where is the closest Social Security office?** SUITE 100 2875 SABRE ST VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452
- How far is the Social Security office from the work place?** Less than 10 miles
- Specific instructions:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday- 9 am - 3pm Wednesday- 9 am - 12 pm

# Sunsations - Virginia Beach

Welcome to Virginia Beach, Virginia! Your work location will be a beach store on Atlantic Avenue on the oceanfront.



The pay is \$9.00 per hour. You will be assigned to a location when you arrive.



Sunsations has several store locations on Atlantic Avenue.

This is the road that runs parallel to the oceanfront. They also have a J-1 Café in Virginia Beach!





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 difficult, 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 Wendie Mewszel, South Atlantic Region – Regional Assistant Manager, for Cultural Homestay International (CHI). I will be happy to answer any questions you might have and I will also be available throughout your stay to assist with any problems that may occur. Please remember to check your email daily for important communications.

You must stay in contact with your CHI representative.

Warm Travel Wishes,

Wendie Mewszel

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**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.**

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### 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 employers address to ensure delivery.

- You are required to bring \$1000 with you from your country. We recommend you bring \$1200. 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 a week or two of 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 will be nervous and out of money when your first paycheck arrives. Be prepared, you are moving to another country.
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## **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 cannot be replaced.
  - Once in the United States, never 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 and 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, and documents in the taxi. Always take a look behind you before leaving any place or form of transport.
  - 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.
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## **Communicate Your Arrival Information**

- Check your email frequently for important information.
- 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 hotel or hostel to stay overnight.
- 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 into [wt.chinet.org](http://wt.chinet.org) to enter your flight information, as soon as you book your ticket.

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## **Student and Exchange Visitor Information System: [wt.chinet.org](http://wt.chinet.org)**

To access [wt.chinet.org](http://wt.chinet.org), you need your family name as it appears on your DS-2019 form and your 11 digit DS number, starting with letter N

- You must log into [wt.chinet.org](http://wt.chinet.org) to enter your flight information, as soon as you book your ticket.
- You are required to access [wt.chinet.org](http://wt.chinet.org) within three days of arrival into the United States.
- You are required to access [wt.chinet.org](http://wt.chinet.org), every month following your initial check in, for the duration of your program to complete a monthly report.
- Failure to complete SEVIS check-ins may result in a participant's negative program status.

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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
- Sponsor Letter
- J-1 Job Offer

### **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. [www.rome2rio.com](http://www.rome2rio.com) is a great website for this research. 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?

- It is very important that you log into the SEVIS system within three days of your arrival. Log into [wt.chinet.org](http://wt.chinet.org) or if you have no access to the web, call CHI for assistance 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!
- Go to 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.
- Wait 5 business days after checking into SEVIS and report to the Social Security office to apply for a Social Security number.

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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 register with the local Social Security Office to get your card and number. YOU MUST WAIT TO RECEIVE YOUR “S” STATUS, before you apply for a Social Security card! This in most cases takes 5 business days from the day you first checked into SEVIS.**

## **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 employer's 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 will cover any costs incurred after \$100.
  - For a serious emergency, you will go to the hospital or emergency center, pay \$350 and your insurance will cover any costs incurred after \$350.
  - There is limited coverage for dental emergencies. 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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