



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS • 2027

YES, THEY WANT AMERICA. YOU'RE NOT SENDING THEM ALONE.

Your child is about to take one of the biggest steps toward independence. Our job is to make sure they're ready before they go — and that someone is always within reach while they're over there.

From the first conversation at your kitchen table to the flight home, EARN&GO USA stays with them through every stage that counts.

THE FAMILY CONFIDENCE JOURNEY

From the first family decision to a safe trip home.



**A big step. A family that's
ready.**

Work & Travel USA • Internship • Trainee • BridgeUSA J-1
Programs

DEAR PARENTS

Pride. And worry.

The first time your child says, “I want to go to America,” you feel two things at once.

Pride, because they’re ready for something big. Worry, because they’ve never been this far from home.

This guide takes the questions that actually keep you up at night and answers them straight — with details you can check.



OUR STANDARD

Trust isn't something you ask for. You earn it, stage by stage.

You know who's accountable.

Every stage has a role, a name, and a job to do.

You know what happens next.

From the first conversation and the visa, to arrival, to the flight home.

You know exactly who to call.

For a routine question, a change of plan, or an emergency.

You know what nobody should be promising you.

We're upfront about the terms, the responsibilities, and the limits.

“Trust is built when everything goes to plan.
Accountability shows up when it doesn't.”

THE SIX QUESTIONS EVERY FAMILY ASKS

Let's start with what's really on your mind.

01 Who's actually looking out for my child over there?

The people, the roles, and the phone numbers — the whole chain.

02 What happens if something goes wrong?

The first move in an emergency — and in everything that isn't one.

03 Where will they live, and how will they cope?

Housing, arrival, and the first 72 hours.

04 How do the visa, the money, and the paperwork actually work?

What's a process, what's a requirement, and what's on them.

05 What if they get sick?

Insurance, help, and the right order of steps.

06 Who comes home at the end of it?

Work, culture, independence, responsibility.

A PERSONAL NOTE

Every departure starts with a family.

I'm a mother of three. I know that no spreadsheet, no procedure, and no promise replaces the feeling that someone on the other end actually understands what you're worried about.

As the founder of EARN&GO USA and Director of WiseHunters International, my job is to turn that worry into something solid: clear information, a participant who is genuinely prepared, contacts we have checked ourselves, and honest communication.

We won't tell you there's no risk. We'll show you how we prepare, who picks up the phone, and exactly what comes next.

Margarita Bakev

FOUNDER, EARN&GO USA · DIRECTOR, WISEHUNTERS INTERNATIONAL · MOTHER OF THREE



THE SUPPORT SYSTEM

Who's standing behind your child?

No single person carries this. Behind the program is a chain of people, and every one of them has a defined job.

01

The participant

Follows the rules, stays in touch, and owns their decisions.

02

The family

Keeps expectations realistic, keeps the numbers close, and knows where to send a question.

03

EARN&GO USA

We prepare them before they fly, coordinate once they land, and make sure every question reaches whoever can actually answer it.

04

The U.S. J-1 sponsor

Program oversight, participant status, program rules, and the 24/7 emergency line printed in their documents.

05

The host employer

The job, the schedule, workplace safety, and the day-to-day details.

06

Local emergency services

911 and local authorities come first any time there's immediate danger.

CLEAR ROLES

DIRECT CONTACTS

ONE CONNECTED CHAIN

WHEN THE PLAN BREAKS

First we read the situation. Then the right phone rings.

01

Immediate danger → 911

Police, ambulance, or fire. No delay, nobody in between.

02

A J-1 program emergency → the sponsor

Use the 24/7 line printed in the program documents.

03

A question about work → the host employer

Schedule, working conditions, operational changes.

04

Coordination and support → EARN&GO USA

We help make sense of it and get the right person involved.

IMPORTANT

In an emergency you call the right number — not the first one that answers.

FROM DECISION TO HOMECOMING

Eight stages. We don't skip any of them.

From the conversation at your table to the trip home, every stage has a purpose and somebody responsible for it.



The family conversation

Goals, expectations, budget, maturity — and the real reason they want to go.



Application and profile

Documents, experience, English, and what's realistically available.



Program and job offer

Understanding the terms before anyone signs anything.



J-1 sponsor and DS-2019

Program review and the official paperwork.



Visa and preparation

The interview, the finances, the travel, the rules, the contacts.



Landing in the U.S.

Activation, housing, orientation, and the first 72 hours.



The program itself

Work, cultural exchange, staying in touch, owning their own decisions.



Coming home

Closing out the obligations and turning the experience into something they can use.

VISA AND DOCUMENTS

Is the visa guaranteed?

NO.

That decision belongs to the U.S. Embassy, and to nobody else.

What we can do is make sure the participant understands the process, has the paperwork in order, and walks into that interview telling the truth. Nobody should promise you an outcome they don't control.

The participant

Accurate information, documents, preparation, and showing up in person.

EARN&GO USA

Guidance through the process, a readiness check, and the organizing behind it.

The J-1 sponsor

Program paperwork and sponsor procedures.

The Embassy

The decision. Independent, and final.

FINANCIAL READINESS

How much do they need to start?

Ignore the promises about earnings. What matters is having enough to cover the weeks before the first real paycheck.

01 Program costs

The agreed services and program fees.

02 Airfare

Price, baggage, and how easily the ticket can be changed.

03 Housing and deposit

The first weeks, the house rules, and what else gets charged.

04 Food and getting around

A realistic cushion for everyday life.

THE FAMILY BUDGET

Budget for how it usually goes, not for the best case.

The real number depends on the program, the location, the job offer, and the housing. Ask us to run your numbers before you decide.

HOUSING AND ARRIVAL

Will I know exactly where they'll live?

What kind of housing it is — and when the details get confirmed — depends on the program, the location, the employer, and the offer on the table. That's why we don't give every family the same answer.

The address

When it's confirmed, and who sends it.

Cost and deposit

What's included, and what has to be paid upfront.

Getting to work

Walking, a bike, public transit, or something arranged for them.

The rules

The agreement, the house rules, safety, and who's responsible for what.

Arrival

A step-by-step plan from the airport to the front door.

Plan B

Who they call if what they find doesn't match what was agreed.

An address by itself means nothing. They need to know how they get there, what it costs, and who to call.

HEALTH AND INSURANCE

What if they get sick?

Having insurance matters. Knowing how to use it matters just as much.

01

Read the situation

911 if it's an emergency. The right clinic if it isn't.

02

Check the policy

Coverage, network, deductible, exclusions, and the paperwork they'll be asked for.

03

Call the right contact

The sponsor, the insurer, or us — depending on what's happened.

04

Keep everything

Reports, bills, receipts, and messages, in case a claim gets filed.

The expensive mistake usually isn't the treatment. It's the wrong first phone call.

THE FIRST 72 HOURS

The start doesn't get left to luck.

BEFORE THE FLIGHT

Ready

Contacts, documents, address, arrival plan, and money in reserve.

ON LANDING

Connected

Arrival confirmed, accounts activated, housing sorted, everyone looped in.

THE FIRST DAYS

Finding their feet

Getting around, the workplace, house rules, food, and how the town works.

01 They landed safely

You hear from them the way we agreed you would.

02 A phone that works

They can reach people, and people can reach them.

03 Housing that checks out

Address, rules, basic conditions, and how they get to work.

04 A clear next step

When work starts, who they report to, and what to do if something's off.

WHAT A PARENT ACTUALLY WANTS

The answer isn't "they'll figure it out."

The answer is: we know what they need to know, who they need to be connected to, and when it's time for them to handle it themselves.

01 Where they are and how they got there

Confirmed, the way we agreed.

02 Who their person is

The right channel for the situation in front of them.

03 Where and when work starts

Plain, practical information.

04 What they do when the plan changes

They don't improvise. They follow the step.

05 When you should step in

No panic — but no ignoring the signals that matter.

06 When they should handle it alone

Support is supposed to build capability, not dependence.

WHAT WE COMMIT TO

We don't promise the plan will never change.

We promise a change never goes unanswered.





WHAT STAYS WITH THEM

**They don't come
home as different
people.
They come home
surer of themselves.**

America is just the setting. The growth is in what your child learns to handle alone.

WORK · CULTURE · RESPONSIBILITY

One experience, three kinds of growth.

01

Work

Showing up on time, doing it properly, dealing with people, and learning what their own effort is worth.

02

Culture

Real English with real people, unfamiliar places, and the ability to adapt to both.

03

Responsibility

Running their own day, their own budget, their own decisions — and living with the consequences, far from home.

They're not going just to see America. They're getting room to meet a more capable version of themselves.

IN A PARTICIPANT'S WORDS

**“I didn’t
come home
a different
person. I
came home
a more
certain
one.”**

I learned to run my own day, talk to all kinds of people, handle money, and ask for help when I actually needed it.

Some of it wasn’t easy. That’s exactly the part that showed me I could handle more than I thought.

A real experience isn’t one without hard moments. It’s one they’re prepared for.



WHAT FAMILIES NOTICE

The same kid walks through the door.

You just see how much they've grown.

Growth isn't one dramatic moment. It's small, everyday things that are still there months later.

They handle problems more calmly

Instead of waiting for someone to take over, they work out what they can do first.

They say what they mean

They know how to ask, explain, request help, and stand behind what they said.

They look at work and money differently

Time, effort, a budget, their own choices — all of it has a price now.

They believe in themselves more

Not because it was easy, but because they watched themselves cope when the plan fell apart.

The best souvenir isn't the photo from America. It's what they can do now that they couldn't before.

TRUST, WITH SOMETHING BEHIND IT

Ask us to prove it.

That's why we show you the people, the paperwork, the partners, and exactly where each party's responsibility starts and stops.

WiseHunters International

The organization behind it: professional selection and talent development.

U.S. J-1 sponsors

Program structure and official BridgeUSA procedures for each specific program.

University partnerships

Reaching students, career support, and straight information.

A documented process

Agreements, steps, contacts, terms — and a paper trail.



Partners and program options can change from season to season. We confirm the current list with you in person.

SUPPORT THAT FITS

Every participant gets **the same solid ground.**

Paying for more support doesn't buy more safety. It buys more preparation, more checks, and more contact with you.

**FOR EVERY
PARTICIPANT**

Safety preparation, program guidance, and the numbers to call

This isn't an upgrade. It's the floor under every EARN&GO USA program.

ESSENTIAL STANDARD SUPPORT

For someone who runs their own ship

For a responsible participant who tracks their own deadlines, documents, and commitments.

- Pre-departure preparation
- Guidance on documents and obligations
- Contacts and procedures

COMPLETE MOST FAMILIES CHOOSE THIS

One more check, and closer contact

For a family that wants a second look at how ready they are, and agreed check-ins at the moments that matter.

- Extended one-on-one preparation
- An extra pre-departure check
- An agreed check-in schedule

ELITE PERSONAL COORDINATION

The most hands-on support we offer

For a participant and family who want the preparation and coordination built around them.

- A preparation plan built for them
- A named coordinator
- A career conversation when they get back

Not sure which one fits? We'll tell you what we'd recommend based on maturity, experience, and what's actually needed — not on what costs the most.

THEY'RE NOT GOING ALONE

Book a family consultation.

You don't have to decide today. You can still walk out with the answers your family needs.

Bring every question you have. You'll leave with specific answers about the process, the terms, and what actually makes sense for your child.

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