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#26 Billing Statement

The Billing Statement provides a comprehensive explanation of the fees, expenses, refund policy, and key aspects associated with the involvement of foreign nationals in the BridgeUSA (J-1 visa) Exchange Visitor Program administered by FUSIA.

Bill to

Participant: (#)

Address:

Itemized Charges USD

J-1 intern visa sponsorship program administration: USD

CCIP NYC Program and Host Placement: USD

I-901 SEVIS Fee J visa (<https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901>): USD

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Credit(s)/Debit(s) USD

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Balance USD

This page serves as both a bill and receipt, showing the latest charges and payments.
See the next page for payment methods and further explanations.

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FUSIA's J-1 Visa Program  BridgeUSA
The Cross Cultural Internship Program (CCIP)

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BridgeUSA (J-1 Visa Program) Designated Sponsor

MBE/WBE certified by NYS DMWBE
M/WBE certified by NYC SBS
DBE certified by MTA & NYSUCP
www.fusia.net

A Payment Methods

Submit the program fees through the following payment methods

By signing this document, (#) expresses their explicit understanding and acceptance of the associated charges, terms, and refund policies outlined in the document.

1 When to pay? When notified, charges are generally required to be paid within a 72-hour timeframe unless stated otherwise in specific terms.


2 Who to pay? Program-related fees are generally paid by the participant, but they can also be remitted by their host.

3 How to pay? Payment options include money transfers through financial institutions or reputable services such as Wise (www.wise.com) or Remitly (www.remitly.com). Alternatively, you can use Zelle if you have an existing US bank account, which does not entail any charges.

Account Holder: FUSIA Communications, Inc.
Address: 2387 Bell Blvd Ste 5, Bay Terrace NY 11360, USA
JP Morgan Chase (180 Canal St, New York, NY 10013)
Account Number: 6956 3344 8465 | Routing Number/ABA: 021000021
SWIFT Code = CHASUS33



4 What to note?

Thoroughly review the information and terms in the document, asking any necessary questions.  the last page to confirm understanding and acceptance of all terms. All fees are stated in USD in this document.

Should payment be a condition of an offer, we reserve the right to revoke the offer and cancel the associated account if the payment is not received within the specified timeframe.

Form DS-2019 and Form DS-7002 will only be issued and signed by us upon the receipt of full payment. Any subsequent charges or requests for related services will also be processed only after full payment is received.

Hidden fees from payer and intermediary banks can cause discrepancies in the amount received. To ensure the complete payment amount is received, clearly communicate to the bank or wire service that you, as the payer, will be responsible for all transaction fees.

Before initiating a transfer, ensure that there are enough funds in your bank account and include the participant's full name in the transfer note or memo section. Following the transfer, remember to upload a copy of the receipt or an equivalent document within the given timeframe.

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B Refund Policy

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Below is a summary of the refund policy for each item; detailed information is provided in the following pages.

J-1 Intern Visa Program Sponsorship by FUSIA: Participation in this program is on an “at-will” basis, and any party involved (applicant, host, or FUSIA) can withdraw at any time and for any reason. In the event of a withdrawal by any party, for any reason whatsoever, including failing a visa interview or due to medical issues, a 50% refund of the program fee received minus will be granted upon submission of a written request at least six weeks prior to the program begin date, as per the participant’s Form DS-2019. Participants who apply or request a refund after this six-week deadline will NOT be eligible for a refund.

CCIP in NYC. CCIP NYC participants are required to submit their first installment (placement and program) to secure opt-in hosts and session choices. Refunds will be issued according to the Refund Policy section of www.fusia.net/ccipfees.

Associated Third Party Fees. Except for the SEVIS fee, payable to FUSIA upon program acceptance before DS-2019 issuance, and the accommodation fee, payable to FUSIA within 72 hours after a successful visa, the fees listed in this section are paid directly to the respective third parties and are subject to their latest refund policies.

Associated Program Administration Fees. The fees are charged upon the occurrence of specific events. All applicable fees are to be paid in advance and are non-refundable. The SEVIS fee is non-refundable. For CCIP NYC participants, housing fee refunds are subject to the Housing Policy section of www.fusia.net/ccipfees.

Disclaimer. Refunds are only available for eligible participants who submit a timely written request and will not cover out-of-pocket expenses, dissatisfaction, involuntary withdrawals, or losses associated with the program. The nature of withdrawals and failing visa interviews, medical unfitness before the program, or denial of entry by US Customs do not influence refund decisions. Upon refund approval, participants’ enrollment is terminated, Form DS-2019 is invalidated, and further use is prohibited. Post-arrival violations, breaches of US laws, late arrivals, or failing SEVIS check-in may lead to program cancellation without a refund, and in some cases, immediate departure from the US at the participant’s expense. FUSIA reserves the right to make the final decision on refund outcomes.

Refund Issuance. Refunds are facilitated via wire transfer or bank, typically completed within 7 days following enrollment cancellation confirmation. To initiate a refund, please send a written request via email, accompanied by either the recipient’s QR code (for Zelle) or the top part of the bank statement displaying the recipient’s name and account details (for wire transfer). A USD 85 processing fee, per occurrence, applies to each refund, and this fee is the responsibility of the participant. The processing fee covers administrative and possible bank transfer charges.

- Refunds via Zelle: No additional fee.
- Refunds via Wire Transfer: A fee of USD 85 per occurrence.

Reminder. Participants should carefully consider factors like US embassy or consulate wait times (click [HERE](#)) and potential unforeseen delays, such as administrative processing, when determining the program start date. Failure to secure a visa at least six weeks prior to the program start will result in ineligibility for a refund.

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C Program Administration Fees

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In accordance with 22 CFR Part 62.10(d)(5)-(6), program sponsors, like FUSIA, must present an itemized list of all potential fees for exchange visitors. FUSIA imposes administration fees, with a detailed breakdown and explanation available below. All fees associated with FUSIA are fixed, non-negotiable, non-transferable, non-refundable, non-reversible, and non-deferrable, with advance payment required. Non-compliance with payment deadlines, unless agreed otherwise, may lead to acceptance revocation and account cancellation.

J-1 Intern Visa Program Sponsorship by FUSIA (USD 1,550). This fee, charged by FUSIA for sponsoring the J-1 intern visa program, is applicable to interns who have successfully secured their host placement. It encompasses the administration of the program and remains consistent, irrespective of the program duration ranging from 3 weeks to 12 months. The fee is due within 72 hours of acceptance into the Exchange Visitor Program, prior to the issuance of Forms DS-2019 and DS-7002. Additional fees apply for programs with multiple sites.

- Screen and select participants through documented interviews as per 22 CFR Part 62.22
- Collect and verify information and documentation from participants and hosts to confirm their eligibility and validity
- Screen and vet host organizations as per 22 CFR 62.22(g)(3)
- Maintain and safeguard participants and host records for compliance as per 22 CFR 62.22(f)(4)
- Publish and distribute relevant information and resources such as pre-arrival information as per 22 CFR 62.10(b)
- Issue, sign, and send Forms DS-2019 and DS-7002 to participants
- Keep track of and file required incident reports to the US government as mandated
- Provide participants with necessary resources, guidance and support for visa application and entry into the US
- Create, monitor, and update participants' SEVIS records with trained staff
- Utilize Adobe cryptographic signatures for signing Forms DS-7002 and DS-2019.
- Handle daily administrative tasks, inquiries, and provide guidance and support as needed
- Ensure compliance and prioritize participant well-being through vigilant oversight of program and participant activities
- Guide participants in fulfilling J-1 visa obligations and engaging in program activities
- Provide remote after-hours emergency support and intervene in necessary conflict situations
- Adobe cryptographic signature signing form DS-7002 and DS-2019

CCIP NYC Host Placement (USD 1,500). While the previously mentioned fee applies to participants with secured host placements, those joining without host attachments are charged a separate fee, levied within 72 hours after acceptance to CCIP NYC.

- Edit and circulate resumes to prospective hosts
- Review applicants, conduct interviews, and match them with suitable hosts
- Waive the USD 300 fee for required site visits
- Provide a reference letter or certificate based on participant performance
- Provide in-person after-hours emergency support and intervene in necessary conflict situations.

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Below is a summary and explanation of fees charged by third parties associated with joining the program:

SEVIS Fee - USD 220 per Occurrence. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) mandates the collection of a one-time SEVIS fee from each exchange visitor to support the operation of SEVIS, a web-based system that the DHS uses to manage information on SEVP-certified schools, DOS designated program sponsors, F-1/M-1 students, and J-1 exchange visitors. Payment to FUSIA is due within 72 hours of acceptance into the Exchange Visitor Program, preceding the issuance of Forms DS-2019 and DS-7002. No refund is provided once these fees are incurred. Check out www.FMJfee.com for more.

CCIP NYC Accommodation. This fee is charged to CCIP NYC participants who opt to stay at the program's designated housing facility. The estimated rate is \$130 per day for a shared room, or \$65 per person per day, multiplied by the number of days of stay. The rate charged by the hotel may vary, subject to hotel conditions and is due within 72 hours after successfully obtaining a visa or at least six weeks prior to the program start date, whichever is earlier.

Nonimmigrant Visa (MRV) Fee - USD 185 per applicant. Foreign nationals, along with J-2 dependents, intending to intern temporarily in the US, must secure a J-1 visa at a US embassy or consulate. The visa application process mandates the payment of the nonimmigrant visa or MRV fee to the Department of State (DOS). This non-refundable, non-transferable fee supports the Border Security Program and is a prerequisite for scheduling a visa interview. It is generally valid for one calendar year. The fee is waived for Canadian and Bermudian citizens applying for J-1 status upon entry into the US. Visit <https://www.ustraveldocs.com/no/no-niv-paymentinfo.asp> for more.

Courier Fee - USD 85 (global) or USD 45 (domestic) per package (under 16 oz). A courier fee is incurred for each UPS package weighing under 16 oz sent to participants. Since the original Form DS-2019 is not mandated to be sent, fees are typically not charged. However, if a sponsor opts to sign and send the original Form DS-2019 at their discretion, a fee might be applicable and charged to the participant, which, once incurred, is non-refundable.

Reciprocity Fee - Varies by the applicant's nationality. Applicants from specific countries may be subject to a reciprocity fee, or "visa-issuance fee," charged by the DOS, distinct from SEVIS and MRV fees. This fee, based on reciprocity, applies when a foreign government charges US citizens for certain visas, prompting reciprocal charges. If applicable, this fee is due to the embassy or consulate post-visa interview unless the applicant is exempt from an in-person interview or is renewing their visa. Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Health Insurance - Varies by plan; estimate USD 49 - 63 per month. Exchange visitors and any dependents are required by 22 CFR Part 62.14 to maintain adequate health insurance coverage throughout their stay in the US. Under FUSIA sponsorship, obtaining "entry-to-exit" insurance is mandatory. Visitors have the option to acquire it independently or from [TaiAn](#), a US-based insurance provider offering various plans. Premiums vary based on factors such as plan type, deductible, coinsurance, age, and coverage period, with higher premiums generally associated with lower deductibles and coinsurance. For payment and refund terms, please refer to the provider's policies.

Bank Transaction Fee - USD 35 for each bounced check or each domestic transfer; USD 85 for each global transfer. Participants are responsible for reimbursing any bank fees incurred by FUSIA during program payments, including bounced check fees and domestic and international transfer fees. To avoid these, participants can use services like Wise internationally or Zelle domestically, or inform their bank that they will cover the fees. Any fees identified post-transfer are due within 72 hours.

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E Associated Program Administration Fees

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Below is a list of additional program administration fees that may be charged upon occurrence.

DS-2019/DS-7002 Form Reissuance Fee - USD 50/150 per form, upon occurrence. Upon the initial issuance of Form DS-2019, any authorized amendments to either Form DS-2019 or DS-7002 will incur a processing fee. For minor amendments, such as updating phone number, supervisor, or minor alterations to program activities, the fee is USD 50 per form, resulting in a total of USD 100 if both forms are amended. If an amendment is considered substantial, examples of which include program extension/shortening, substantial alterations to program activities, the fee is USD 150 per form, totaling USD 300 for both forms. Separate charges for adding or changing sites and host transfers are described later.

Additional Site(s) of Activity - USD 300 per site, upon occurrence. If the program involves multiple locations, each additional site necessitates an additional fee of USD 300. A separate Form DS-7002 is required for each additional site.

Host Transfers - USD 600 per instance, upon occurrence. A change of host after the reissuance of DS-2019 and DS-7002, though discouraged, if authorized, will incur an additional fee of USD 600. This fee is in addition to the previously mentioned form reissuance fee. Note that this condition applies if a host change occurs during the program. If participants need to change hosts before arriving in the US, they would be required to withdraw from their current program and submit a new application with the alternate host.

J-2 dependent administration fee - USD 600 for the first dependent, USD 250 for each additional dependent. This fee is applicable to participants who have accompanying dependents on the trip. It is important to note that the fee is non-refundable, except in cases that meet the criteria outlined under the program administrative fee. The fee is charged when all dependents apply for their visas simultaneously with the participant. However, if dependents apply after the participant has obtained their exchange visa (for non-Canadians) or entered the US (for Canadians), a 30% surcharge will be added to the fee.

Site Visit Fee - USD 300 per visit upon occurrence. In accordance with the regulations outlined in 22 CFR Part 62.22(g)(4), hosts who have not previously participated successfully in the sponsor's training and internship programs, and have a staff count of less than 25 employees or an annual revenue below three million dollars, are obligated to undergo site visitation. Placements at academic institutions or government offices are excluded from this requirement. New hosts who do not meet the site visit exemption criteria must coordinate site visitation, arranged by FUSIA, for each visit. If required, the host typically covers this fee. CCIP NYC hosts waived this fee, though CCIP NYC hosts have this fee waived.

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Intern's Signature

Sign with a pen or an e-signature service that uses cryptography technology (e.g. Adobe or DocuSign)

By affixing their signature and submitting this document, (also referred to as the applicant, prospective participant, EV, intern, exchange intern, exchange visitor, participant, or simply they or you in this document) hereby applies to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program administered by FUSIA Communications.

1 FUSIA Communications (also referred to as the organizer, we, the sponsor, designated sponsor, program sponsor, or simply FUSIA in this document) has been designated as a BridgeUSA program sponsor by the State Department. In our communications, the Exchange Visitor Program administered by FUSIA is also referred to as BridgeUSA, J-1, J-1 Program, CCIP, the Cross-Cultural Internship Program, or the program. Despite acknowledging alternative options, you have chosen FUSIA as your designated sponsor to administer your BridgeUSA program.

2 You affirm that you possess the necessary English language skills and competency to understand program-related information, and that you have thoroughly read and understood the information in this document and agree to abide by it without reservation. If third parties (e.g., parents, school, etc.) are involved in your participation decisions, you ensure they are fully informed and in agreement before signing. If they do not understand English, you are responsible for translating to ensure they comprehend the information provided. Additionally, you, along with your heirs, successors, and representatives, agree not to make any claims or engage in disputes with the program.

3 Information provided by applicants and hosts is synchronized with SEVIS and relevant US government agencies, requiring accuracy, currency, completeness, and validity to avoid potential violations of program policy. You affirm your acceptance of this requirement and confirm that all information and documents provided to us are aligned accordingly. While submissions undergo administrative review for verification with user-provided proof, it does not exempt you from the responsibility to ensure that submissions provided to us are accurate, current, complete, and valid.

4 If any changes or discrepancies to your record or circumstances arise that may impact your eligibility for the program from now until its conclusion, you will notify us within 24 hours and complete any necessary amendments or administrative procedures, including the payment of any required amendment fees, within 72 hours.

5 Your participation in the program is voluntary, and FUSIA, the host, or the participant themselves reserve the right to shorten or cancel the program enrollment, for any reason, without financial obligation or compensation. Should such a situation arise during the program, you will be obliged to leave the US at your own expense.

6 Your participation in this program is contingent upon your ability to maintain eligibility and comply with sponsor-imposed rules, US law, and BridgeUSA regulations as outlined in 22 CFR Part 62. Termination decisions rest solely with FUSIA's discretion. In instances of program violation, there is no provision for advance notification or the opportunity to rectify the situation. If your program is terminated due to program violation or breach of US law, the 30-day Grace Period will not apply, necessitating your immediate departure and may adversely impact your future US visa applications or entry into the US. FUSIA maintains the prerogative to amend program policies at its discretion without providing prior notice and may mandate your re-execution of this document.

Participant: ()

Signature Date: **04-19-2024 EST**

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