

PROGRAM FEES – WDTT, US Mainland Peoria School District and Its Host School Districts – 2025-2026 School Year.

It is expected that no unreasonable hardship is to be placed on the Exchange Visitor and fees. There are several non-refundable fees associated with each step of the application process and other fees that are specific to each applicant which WDTT and school districts cannot control. See below for the full list of program pricing and services provided.

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- First-Year Program Payment: \$3,000
- Training/Mobilization/Monitoring/ Cultural Adaptation Cost - \$1,500
- J-2 Dependent Fee (Family) – \$1000 is a one time payment
- Housing, transportation, meals, and personal expenses to reside in the U.S. ((As per State Department guidelines, You must be responsible for yourself, financially, throughout this process. You must bring with you at least \$3,000 to cover these expenses for the initial four to six weeks until your social security number is received and you begin receiving your regular salary payments.))
- Childcare Service Estimates - \$150 to \$250 weekly (approximate)
- Medical insurance coverage, including evacuation or repatriation coverage, for the first 90 days until you get onto the District’s insurance plan – \$200 (included in the Program Fees for the J1). Each Family Member must also be covered under this insurance prior to traveling. The cost per family member is also \$200.
- Year 2-5 Extension Fee for J1 DS-2019 is \$1,000 and Family Member DS-2019 is Also included in your payment of the \$1,000. This must be paid by June 30th each year.
- U.S. Government Fees – SEVIS fee (\$220), Visa Interview Fee (Embassy - \$185). Program Extension Application (U.S. Government Fee - \$367). This fee is paid at end of your 3rd Year when you are applying for year 4 & 5.

- **Foreign Credential Evaluation Fee** – \$250 (approximate)
- **Illinois State Teaching License** – \$150 to \$220 (you must apply to the Illinois State Board of Education (www.isbe.net for a teacher license).

Additional Expenditures include the following:

- Airfare to and from the U.S.

Expected Work-Related Salary Deductions Your salary is subject to Federal and State income taxes as well as Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) deductions.

Work-Related Estimated Bi-Weekly Deductions (Single Employee):

- Federal Income Tax and State Income Tax is approximately 15% of salary (please use the 1040-NR when filing your taxes).
- Union dues (optional): \$30.00
- FICA Deductions (this is charged after two calendar years): 7.65% of salary
- District’s Insurance Plan (Medical, Dental & Vision after 90 days) through school district – \$52.71 - \$217.88 Bi-Weekly, dependent upon plan you choose and if family members are included).

Other Estimated Expenses These estimated expenses are an example of the costs that Exchange Visitors may incur. Note: Costs may vary.

- Estimate Food Costs – \$250-\$350
- Estimated Housing Costs – \$750-\$1,200 for 1 to 2-bedroom unfurnished apartment rentals, or furnished is about \$1,300 to \$1,600 + \$150-\$300 utilities (monthly). You can also anticipate a deposit of approximately \$500 for administrative fee, re-keying and cleaning from the leasing agents.
- Estimated Local Transportation Costs – \$40 for monthly bus pass. You may also UBER share rides or purchase a used car, ranging in prices of \$3,000 to \$8,000.
- Phone & Internet – \$75 - \$110.