



U.S. Headquarters
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Washington, DC 20005

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the individual listed on the DS-2019 form presented to you has been admitted into the United States on a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa, under the sponsorship of Cultural Vistas, as per the Department of State Exchange Visitor Program. This individual is only required to present Form DS-2019 to apply for a Social Security Card.

As of April 27, 2023 due to the Public Notice 12016 in the Federal Register, Sponsors can now digitally sign and electronically transmit the DS-2019 Form to Exchange Visitors. Therefore, Exchange Visitors will present the printed electronic DS-2019 and it no longer needs to have the ARO/RO's signature in blue ink, a digital or signature in black ink is acceptable. Please reference the Public Notice 12016 in the Federal Register and Emergency Message (EM-23045) for any clarification.

Please issue this individual a Social Security Card coded appropriately for an Exchange Visitor who will participate in their exchange program in the United States for the period stated on their DS-2019 form and whose income during that period will be exempt from Social Security taxes. For reference, use the Program Operating Manual System, published by the Social Security Administration, Manual Sections **RM 10211.345.C1A**; **RM 10211.355**; and **RM 10211.365** which contains evidence on exchange visitors.

As of August 23, 2012 U.S. Customs and Border Protection will no longer stamp form DS-2019 upon admission into the U.S. Therefore, this individual's DS-2019 form bears no indication of entry. Please reference their I-94 record for information on admission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S.H.", is positioned above the typed name.

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