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# Disney International Program - student information



**The Disney J1 Australia and New Zealand Cultural Exchange Program is a five to twelve-month experience located at Walt Disney World® Resort, near Orlando, Florida.**

Participants of this program have the opportunity to gain real world work experience with a world-renowned entertainment company, learn skills from Disney leaders, meet people from around the world and take part in a life-changing experience. Participants work in front line, guest-facing roles throughout their Parks & Resorts.

## Eligibility criteria:

- 18 years or older at the time of your application.
- Completed year 12 at high school and be a NZ or Australian citizen.
- Completed 35 weeks of course prior to your departure. Your level 3 and 4 will give you this or level 5.
- If your level 4 or diploma course end date was/is between November and June, you are eligible to apply for the August intake. If your level 4 or diploma course end date was/is between July and November you are eligible to apply for the January intake. December finishes can do Jan OR August intakes.
- If you are unsure, discuss with our Employment Consultant.

## What do I do next?

- Have a look at the Disney website [DisneyPrograms.com](https://www.DisneyPrograms.com) to explore the amazing opportunities prior to applying.
- Disney recommends that you watch the videos and read ALL the information carefully to get familiar with the program before applying.
- Read the information carefully, consider the costs below, chat to your family and if you are keen, prepare to apply. **Ask us to email this handout to you if needed.**

## What do I get paid and have to pay for? (below are approx costs)

- Flights vary airline to airline but range from \$1300NZD one way. Check sky scanner, Webjet, Mix and Match etc for options. You can book your return ticket from the US.
- Airport transfers – there is no meet and greet service but Disney do send you all the information you need regarding transfer companies they recommend.
- \$467 USD – programme participation fee. \$240 covers Activities and fees and \$227 covers your first weeks rent. On average rent is between \$227 - \$275 USD per week. Rates depend on if you share a bedroom and bathroom or want your own.
- You will earn an hourly pay rate starting at USD18.00 per hour (30.72NZD) depending on the role you are selected to perform. Hours worked are 30-40 hours per week. There is the opportunity to work more hours if you wish.
- Medical insurance is a condition of your Visa and Disney will send you a link to their approved insurance company. This costs \$93.79-\$114.40 USD per month.

- J1 Visa Application – cost is approx. \$160 USD along with a \$35 USD service fee
- If you are an Australian Citizen, you will have an additional payment of approx \$400NZD to pay for the Reciprocity/Fraud detection fee.
- Background checks – students will have to pay any costs associated with this. This is free through the Ministry of Justice.

## How do I apply?

- Email or talk to [sarndra@itc.co.nz](mailto:sarndra@itc.co.nz) so I can register your interest for the correct intake and share valuable information with you when it is application time.
- Have your CV & cover letter ready or at least start getting this up to date.
- Ensure they are both easy to read, look fantastic and are error free.
- Your Cover letter should say why you are hoping to work at Disneyworld, convey your passion and interest, let them know what you are currently doing, how some of your skills will benefit them and a bit about yourself. There is no given formula for this cover letter. You just want the Disney recruiter to read your letter and go Wow, this person sounds great, I can't wait to meet them.
- Feel free to get AI to help you, but DO NOT copy and paste or your letter will be the same as 100's of other applicants and then you will stand out for all the wrong reasons.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Let [sarndra@itc.co.nz](mailto:sarndra@itc.co.nz) know as soon as you have applied so she can email Disney and back up your application to FastTrack your interview.
- We will also send you information on what happens next in terms of interviews and to help you plan - Invitations to interview will be sent out in advance so you can be prepared. In-country interviews will be held in New Zealand. Please ensure you keep up to date for these important dates.
- Remember! Keep your Disney Login and password safe.

