



APPLICATION FOR A WORKING HOLIDAY AUTHORISATION (WHA)

Please complete this form in block capital letters

Note: Before completing this application form, applicants should familiarise themselves with the eligibility criteria and instructions provided at:

<https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/usa/our-services/visas/working-holiday-authorisation/>

All commercial suppliers of assistance with the application for a Working Holiday Authorisation for Ireland should be treated with due caution. The Embassy and Consulates General of Ireland are not represented by these commercial suppliers and cannot vouch for their services.

PERSONAL DETAILS	
Last name:	
First Name(s):	
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	
Male/Female:	
US Passport Number:	Valid Until:
US Address to which the WHA should be sent, if granted:	
Telephone:	E-mail:
Marital Status:	

PREVIOUS VISITS TO IRELAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES
Have you ever visited Ireland? If yes, please provide details.
Have you ever held a Working Holiday Authorisation for Ireland? If yes, please provide the WHA reference number and date of issue.
Have you ever held a visa for Ireland? If yes, please provide the visa number (top right of visa sticker) and date of issue.
Have you ever lived in another country? If so please provide details:

EDUCATIONAL RECORD		
College/University	Dates Attended	Results/Certificates/Diplomas

YOUR TRIP TO IRELAND
Date of Intended Entry to Ireland:
Proposed Duration of Stay:
Details of Contact in Ireland (if applicable):
Proposed Itinerary:

<u>EMPLOYMENT HISTORY</u>		
Name and Address of Employer	Dates of Employment	Duties and Responsibilities

EMPLOYMENT IN IRELAND
What employment do you intend to seek?
Have you sought advice on the availability of such employment?
Please provide details of any employment already arranged in Ireland:

DECLARATION

Have you at any time:

- Suffered from any dangerous disease, such as tuberculosis? YES__NO __
- Used, been addicted to, or trafficked in narcotics? YES__NO __
- Been convicted of a criminal offence in any country? YES__NO __
- Been deported or excluded from any country? YES__NO __

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details:

How did you hear about the WHA programme? (please place 'X' on relevant line)

- Participant referral _____
- Social media post _____
- General internet search _____
- Job/study abroad fair on campus _____
- Consulate website/newsletter _____
- Other – please specify _____

I agree to the following terms and conditions:

- I have sufficient funds, or access to such funds, to support myself during a substantial part of my visit;
- On arrival in Ireland, holders of Working Holiday Authorisations must register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau and will be issued with a Certificate of Registration on payment of the appropriate fee;
- Working Holiday Authorisations are issued on an individual basis. Holders of Working Holiday Authorisations may not seek to be accompanied or joined by a spouse or dependents;
- Permission granted to those entering Ireland on the basis of a Working Holiday Authorisation shall be valid for a maximum period of twelve (12) months from the date of entry into Ireland. Extensions to the period of validity of such permission shall not be granted. Participants must leave Ireland on the expiration of the permission, which cannot be extended, either under the authorisation itself, or through attempting to convert it to a different form of immigration status;
- Nationals of the United States who are already in Ireland with an immigration status other than that based on a Working Holiday Authorisation may not convert to permission based on a Working Holiday Authorisation without leaving the State and re-entering on the basis of the valid Working Holiday Authorisation;
- I understand that it is my responsibility to make an prospective employer aware of the time limits on my work authorisation;
- All questions have been answered and the particulars provided are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

Date:

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

The application process consists of two stages.

Stage 1:

The applicant must submit the following documentation to the relevant Consulate General or Embassy (see below for details):

- A completed and signed application
- A photocopy of the applicant's United States passport valid for at least a full year after ticketed date of entry
- 2 recent identical passport-sized photographs with applicant's name on the reverse;
- Current CV/resumé (with at least 2 references)
- Evidence that the applicant is currently in full-time post-secondary education, or has graduated within the 12 months prior to receipt of their application e.g. diploma, or if a degree or diploma has not yet been conferred, applicants can submit another form of proof such as their official transcripts or a letter from their university, to show that they graduated within the 12 months prior to receipt of their application by the Consulate/Embassy, or that they are still studying. In all cases original documents should be provided. These will be returned to you.
- Original bank statement showing that you have access to at least \$4,000;
- The relevant non-refundable fee (see below) payable by money order, cashier's cheque or bank draft made out to the relevant Embassy/Consulate only. **Please note that the postage costs are based on the average postage costs for the region covered by each office.**

Office	Fee	Return Postage	Total
Consulate General of Ireland, New York (processes applications from US citizens resident in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, New York, North & South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Ohio)	\$339	\$13	\$352
Consulate General of Ireland, Boston (processes applications from US citizens resident in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)	\$339	\$15	\$354
Consulate General of Ireland, Chicago (processes applications from US citizens resident in Alabama, Arkansas, North Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin)	\$339	\$13	\$352
Consulate General of Ireland, San Francisco (processes applications from US citizens resident in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming)	\$339	\$21	\$360

Embassy of Ireland, Washington (processes applications from US citizens resident in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Puerto Rico and West Virginia)	\$339	\$21	\$360
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Once the Embassy or Consulate has received and is satisfied with the documentation above, the application will be approved in principle and the applicant notified. The application then proceeds to stage 2.

Stage 2:

The applicant must then submit the following documentation to the relevant Consulate General or Embassy:

- Return airline tickets
- Certificate of medical/travel insurance valid for the duration of the trip (based on dates on tickets)
- The applicant's original United States passport valid for at least a full year after ticketed date of entry

When the Embassy or Consulate has received and is satisfied with this second stage documentation, the Working Holiday Authorisation (WHA) will be issued.

You may submit your application documentation to us by post (mail) or in person. If you wish to submit your application by post/mail, we strongly recommend that you use registered (certified) mail or a reputable courier company. The Embassy/Consulates cannot be held responsible for documentation lost in transit. If you wish to submit your application in person, please check the visa section of the website of the relevant Consulate General or Embassy (Our Services/Visas) as some restrictions may apply (e.g. appointment times).

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