

Working Guest in Norway

A DOC Wolfgang Schlitz Adventure Fund Proposal

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The Adventure:

This spring I will be traveling to Norway to live with a host family and work on their organic farm. This experience is offered through a non-profit organization called InterExchange, which specializes in providing international and educational work/training opportunities to promote international understanding. InterExchange works with partner organizations like Atlantis Youth Exchange which is based in Oslo and is responsible for finding a host family and the organizing the Norwegian aspect of the program. As a guest of a Norwegian host family I will get to know Norwegian people, culture and customs in a unique way. I will take part in the daily routines of farm life and work thirty five hours a week. I will be provided with room and board and a weekly salary of about \$100.00 US dollars; however, I will be paying a substantial tax on these earnings. During my stay I will have an amazing opportunity to learn more about organic farming and rural life. I will also have the opportunity to travel and I plan to visit and explore many of the wild places in Norway as well and truly experience Norway's famous Nordic skiing culture.



Benefit to the DOC:

During my stay I will learn valuable skills about farming that I would be more than happy to share with the DOC's Organic Farm, Ravine Lodge, and DOC Cabins. These skills might range from work with domesticated animals, picking berries and fruit, harvesting vegetables, hay making, light carpentry, and many other experiences. I think that I will be able to use these skills in my experience with the DOC. I am a certified leader and council member of Cabin and Trail and I would love to share my experience and skills through trips and other activities. I would also keep a journal and take pictures to share with groups of the DOC and increase the DOC's international understanding and knowledge.

Budget:

Travel: Roundtrip Flight \$600.00

Application Fee: \$50.00

Program Fee: \$500.00

Work Permit: \$82.00

Local Transportation and Personal Expenses: \$500.00

Total: \$1,732.00

Salary: \$100.00 US dollars per week minus taxes

Sources of Funding

I am applying to the Schlitz Fund for \$500.00 total. I will be paying for the program fee and my personal expenses. I would like help from the Schlitz fund for transportation to and from Norway and for money to travel while in Norway. This would allow me to pursue other activities in Norway, such as travel to National Parks and Cross Country Skiing Centers.

Funding

Total Cost \$1,732.00

Schlitz Fund \$500.00

Student Contribution \$1,232.00 (minus any extra wages)