
WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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Many students are employed through this program each summer in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Because it can be difficult to find affordable housing on a short-term basis, we have established contacts at local colleges and universities and with other types of housing facilities to which we refer students for housing.

Students who have accepted a job in Washington, D.C., and would like help in finding housing for the summer must contact the Housing Coordinator by May 15. The Housing Coordinator will provide the student with contact information for housing once the student has decided where he or she would like to live. Students should not send housing applications directly to the housing of their choice. There is no guarantee that housing will be available for students who request it, and in no case will housing be available to students who arrive without having made prior arrangements through the Housing Coordinator.

NOTE: Please do not contact the Housing Coordinator until the student has accepted a firm job offer.

NOTE: There is no guarantee that housing will be available.

Colleges and universities process applications in the order in which they are received. Housing options for 2003 include the following:

American University: AU is located at 4400 Massachusetts Avenue in the northwest quadrant of the District of Columbia.

- All rooms are carpeted and air-conditioned.
- Some ADA-compliant accessible quarters are available.
- All rest rooms feature ADA-compliant shower stalls and facilities.
- Most rooms are double-occupancy, but a limited number of singles and triples are available on a first-come first-serve basis.
- Single rooms will be available from approximately May 15 until July 28, 2003.
- Community bathrooms are located on each floor in each hall and kitchen/laundry facilities are available on each floor in the building.
- Each room has an internal hook-up to accommodate computers, and local telephone service is free. Students should bring their own telephones.
- The main campus features fast food restaurants, a grocery store, a beauty shop, and is approximately 3/4 of a mile from Metro bus and subway stops. There are free shuttles to the Metro.
- Meal plans are also available in the campus cafeteria.
- Parking is available near the main campus and is provided at no extra charge for summer interns.
- Housing is available from May 11 through August 9, 2003.

RATES: In 2002, the rates were \$188 per week, + 14.5% tax for double occupancy and \$230 + 14.5% tax per week for single occupancy (as available). It is expected that the rates will increase in 2003. A four-week minimum stay is required. A \$200 non-refundable deposit must be submitted with the application. The deposit will be credited to the balance due, which is payable upon arrival.

American University is also arranging rentals in a luxury apartment building in Bethesda, MD, less than two miles from campus. Each apartment consists of a living/dining area, full kitchen, private baths, and one or two bedrooms. The apartment includes free local phone and internet service, paid utilities, shuttle to the Metro, and a fitness room. A month-to-month lease is available. The prices are as follows:

- \$250/week per person for a furnished apartment with two people sharing one bedroom.
- \$350/week per person for a furnished, apartment, with a private bedroom.
- \$50/month for parking, per person.

IMPORTANT: ALL cancellations for dormitory and apartment housing must be made in writing and sent to American University Housing & Dining Programs. Cancellation prior to arrival will result in the loss of the \$200.00 deposit. Cancellation after the student's arrival and payment of the balance will result in the forfeiture of any unused portion of the housing balance.

George Mason University: George Mason University's Fairfax campus is in Northern Virginia, approximately 15 miles from Washington, D.C.

- Housing is comprised of two-, three-bedroom units. Each bedroom accommodates two residents and is furnished with a bed, desk, chair and closet for each resident. The apartment is carpeted and contains a kitchenette, bathroom and furnished living/dining area. Parking is conveniently located nearby.
- Features and services include:
 - Local phone service(no hook-up fee or monthly charge). Residents bring their own personal telephone.
 - Telecommunications package (cable TV jack and data link for computers. Residents bring their own TV and computer.
 - Central air-conditioning.
 - Carpeting, window treatments and furniture.
 - Coin operated laundry facilities.
 - Vacuum cleaners available for sign-out at the desk.

- Shuttle buses run to the Vienna Metro subway station.
- Housing will be available from approximately May 25 until August 3, 2003.

RATES: The rates for 2002 were \$22 per person per night for double occupancy only. It is expected that rates will increase in 2003. No single accommodations will be available in 2003. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received. A four-week minimum stay is required.

IMPORTANT: No refunds will be given for departures within any given two-week period.

George Washington University: The George Washington University, located in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of Washington, D.C., is in walking distance of the White House, the State Department, and the Mall.

- Single, double, triple, and quad rooms are available.
- Some apartments have kitchens.
- All apartments are furnished and air-conditioned.
- Laundry facilities are available in all buildings.
- Most buildings are cable-ready.
- Some apartments are less than two blocks away from the Foggy Bottom Metro subway station.
- Special accommodations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Housing is available approximately May 25 to August 9, 2003.

RATES: In 2002, rates ranged from \$178.00 to \$273.00 per week, per person, + 14.5% tax, depending upon room choice and availability. It is expected that the rates will increase in 2003. There is no charge for access cards (building access security cards) but there is a \$25 replacement fee for lost cards. Applications must be accompanied by 50% of the total housing costs in the form of a cashier's check or money order. The balance is due upon arrival.

IMPORTANT: No refunds will be given for overpayment. Payments should be made in the exact amount for the length of stay. A \$100 fee will be

assessed for cancellations prior to the scheduled date of arrival. No refunds will be made after a resident has moved into the hall. All cancellations must be submitted in writing.

Alexandria & Arlington Bed & Breakfast Network: The Network consists of a large number of private homes and urban bed and breakfasts, which provide lodging throughout the Greater Metro Washington, D.C., area.

- Most rooms have private baths.
- Some rooms include kitchenettes or kitchen privileges.
- Some houses offer access to computer hook-ups and telephones in the room.
- Many residences are within easy range of the Metro subway or bus stations.
- Some are within walking distance of the Pentagon.
- All have some form of parking.
- Laundry facilities are usually included.
- Guests are usually given a key and can come and go like a member of the family.
- Some houses offer stays as short as one night or as long as one year.

RATES: In 2003, long term rates, for stays longer than 29 nights, will again range from \$30 to \$80. A deposit of one month's rent is required upon making the reservation. A major credit card may be used to hold the reservation pending arrival of the deposit. The first month's rent is due on arrival. The deposit is refunded on departure.

IMPORTANT: Cancellations made less than one month before the scheduled arrival will cause forfeiture of the entire deposit. There will be a \$50 administrative fee for cancellations made more than one month before the scheduled arrival. Thirty days notice of departure is required; otherwise the deposit is forfeited.

Transportation in the Metropolitan Area

Washington, D.C., Metro bus and train information is available at www.wmata.com. Students can check out this site before arriving so they are familiar with the system before they begin working.

This website has links to information about accessibility, fares, how to buy bus and train passes, and how to plan Metro trips.

Metro provides ADA paratransit services in the Washington, D.C. Metro area. Information is provided on Metro's web site (see address above) by clicking on the "Accessibility" section at the top of the page. To obtain an application for services, a pull down menu under the "Accessibility" tab will appear (Accessibility Form). Note that a physician's letter may be required.

For questions about paratransit services , contact MetroAccess at (301) 562-5361(Voice) or (301) 588-7535 (TDD) and ask to speak to the Certification Staff.

Metro also operates a reduced fare program. To check out eligibility and apply online for reduced fare cards, go to this link:

http://www.wmata.com/riding/senior_disabled_id.cfm. This should also be done in advance, as a physician's letter may be required.

Internet Links:

For housing other than that listed above, students must make their own arrangements. You can search the Internet using key words such as "university housing," "off-campus housing," "summer housing," or "temporary housing."

You may also find an online edition of the newspaper of the area where you will be staying. Searching for "roommates," "temporary housing," "apartment sublet," or any of the key words listed above may be helpful.

Outside the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, search the Internet for schools near to where will be working. Contact the housing office at the school you are interested in to see if they rent dorm rooms for the summer or if they know of any off-campus housing for students. You may also wish to ask whether the school keeps a list of people who rent to students.

Here are some links to web sites that may be helpful, starting with those that refer to the Washington, D.C., area:

<http://www.dcpages.com>

This site has a lot of information about Washington, D.C., broken down into categories such as the arts, weather, museums, shopping and sports. Click on the classified and lodging sections to see various types of lodgings such as hostels, bed & breakfasts, inns and short-term accommodations. There are also links other parts of the U.S.

<http://www.dcregistry.com>

This site has a number of rooms for rent, apartments, roommate ads, and a list of Washington, D.C., resources.

<http://roommatespreferred.com>

This is a personalized service from an agency with thirty years of experience matching roommates. Included in the site are tips to consider when choosing a roommate. The service offers both long-term and temporary rentals. There is a \$75.00 fee, payable upon placement.

Residence Hall for Women. Thompson-Markward Hall, which is not affiliated with a college or university, provides dormitory style housing for women between the ages of 18-34. Located on Capitol Hill, between the Union Station (Red Line) and the Capitol South (Blue, Orange and Yellow Lines) metro stops. The \$650.00 per month cost includes two daily meals (breakfast and dinner) and utilities. On site laundry facilities are also available. Minimum stay is two weeks. There is a non-refundable \$60.00 deposit. See <http://www.letsgo.com/DC/13-living-308> for application.

<http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/class/classifieds.html>

This alternative, free weekly newspaper is available every Thursday around the Washington metro area at Metro stations, bookstores, and record stores. This paper features roommate and rooms to rent sections.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/realestate/rent/>

This is the Washington Post's site for apartment rentals. The main website is also a good place to get information about the metropolitan area.

<http://www.sublet.com>

This free service offers apartments and rooms directly from owners. Short term furnished housing is available in a number of U.S. cities, including: Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. This is a site worth checking out.

<http://www.hostels.com/hostel.menu.html>

This is another site you may want to check out for Washington, D.C. housing. A number of the sites listed their prices, which seem to be reasonable. However, you may want to call for their latest prices since the date the site was last updated wasn't listed. I am told that there are some accessible rooms available. There are also links to other areas of the country with hostel accommodations.

<http://www.letsgo.com/DC/01-discover-164>

This is an electronic travel guide to Washington, D.C. Other cities in the United States included are Boston, New York and San Francisco. There are links for planning your trip, including an airline fare finder, sights to visit and information on living in D.C.

<http://www.homestore.com>

This site was formerly rent.net. Once you get into the site, click on the apartments and rental section at the top of the site. When you access the apartment section, there is also a roommate section where you may either search for a roommate or list your search for one.