

Sample Support Letter for J-2 Employment Authorization Application

[J-2 Name]

[Your street address, Apt. #]

[Your city, state, and zip code]

[Today's Date]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the J-2 dependent of J-1 Exchange Visitor [J-1's name] and I am applying for employment authorization in the United States until [insert requested end date -end date cannot extend beyond the end date listed on the DS-2019 and may be requested for up to four years, whichever is shorter]

My [spouse/parent] is a visiting [insert the J-1 category: Research Scholar, Professor, Short-Term Scholar or Student] at the University of Colorado Boulder and receives [indicate source of funding— e.g., stipend, salary, or grant from source and funding amount]. As shown below, their funding is sufficient to cover all living expenses.

Our estimated monthly expenses are as follows:

\$_____ Rent and Utilities

\$_____ Food

\$_____ Health Insurance

\$_____ Miscellaneous (clothing, transportation, recreation)

\$_____ TOTAL

As this budget demonstrates, we have sufficient financial resources to meet our living expenses. J-2 employment authorization would enable me to gain work experience and earn income that I could use to fund [my/my families'] participation in recreational, cultural, and travel activities during [my/our] stay in the United States.

The financial support my [spouse/parent] receives for their J-1 program is adequate to cover our necessary expenses. Any income derived from my employment will not be used to support the J-1 exchange visitor.

Sincerely,

[Your signature]

[Your name]