



CHI WORK AND TRAVEL

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San Rafael, CA 94901 USA

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Job Description

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer Name: Save Mart, Tahoe City
Type of Business: Retail
Job location: 100 RIVER RD
Location type: Rural Area
City: TAHOE CITY
State: CA
Zip: 96145
Website: www.savemart.com

Why choose us?

CHI has had many successful seasons with Save Mart in Tahoe City. They are a great employer and love having international students. 60 years is a long time in any business... but that's when Save Mart Supermarkets started a new standard in the grocery business. Save Mart opened its first store in Modesto, California on January 17, 1952. Today Save Mart operates 226 stores!

Cultural exchange activities

Year-Round Fun at Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe is one of the most beautiful destinations in the world, a true "staycation." For vacationers, having fun here during any season is easy! Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast, prefer to be inside cozy shops and restaurants, or exploring famous landmarks, Tahoe is the place for you. Spend all day on the mountain skiing, riding, hiking, biking, or in the meadows, along the Truckee River, shores of Lake Tahoe... the options are endless! Take a relaxing sunset cruise, wine and dine in our fine restaurants and bistros, and shop in the specialty stores. Visit Nevada's world-famous casinos for fabulous entertainment. Learn about Tahoe heritage through museums and local stores.

With all the winter snow, learn to ski or snowboard. You will love the experience!

Position

Job title: Service Specialist & Food Service Clerk

Job prerequisites: Adv. English only - will be working with the public. Must also have great attitude and be outgoing and friendly.

Job description: Work as a team to ensure the store is clean & well stocked, greet & assist customers. Must be willing to clean restrooms, empty trash, & retrieve shopping carts in the parking lot (very physical work). Must be physically able to lift up to 25lb/11kg, bend & reach up to high shelves and stand for entire shift. May handle pork. You could be walking in and out of a cold storage freezer or cooler. You will need a jacket and gloves for this work. Need to have great attitudes, like to work hard and be dependable & on time. Please do not apply for this job unless you can commit to the full season; we only want happy people who want to work as a team and be customer service oriented. Must be very trustworthy and honest. Must pass drug test. Union dues are \$40/month totaling \$120 for the 3 months. The dues will be collected in person by a union representative once a month. 24 hrs/wk is the minimum per the union contract, but you will probably be scheduled to work about 40hrs/wk.

English level required: Advanced

Hourly wage (before taxes): 12.00

Wage comments:

Position ID: 8305



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Tips: no

Bonus: No

Bonus comments:

Estimated hours per day: 5-8

Number of days per week: 4-5

Overtime: No

Overtime details:

Earliest start date: 12/5/2018

Latest start date: 12/14/2018

Earliest end date: 3/1/2019

Latest end date: 3/15/2019

Is the employer willing to hire couples? No

Is the employer willing to hire group of friends? Yes

Meals? No

Meals details:

Is a drug test required? Yes

Drug test comments: You must notify your employer upon arrival in town so they can administer the drug test.

Is employer interview required? No

Employer interview details:

Do students complete an additional application upon arrival? Yes

Possibility to find a second job in the area Yes

Second jobs require you to contact CHI at chiwt@chinet.org or 1-800-432-4643 to receive the required form. The new potential employer will need to complete it. Both you and the employer will need to sign and return it to CHI for approval. You can work with a new secondary employer ONLY AFTER you have received written authorization from CHI.

Additional comments regarding second job: 2nd jobs need to be pre-approved by Save Mart manager and CHI. No 2nd jobs on weekends.

When will work begin? Within a few days.

Arrival Instructions: Students must take their drug test before they can begin working. It can take up to a few days to get the results. Please contact your employer upon arrival in Tahoe City to schedule your drug test.

Is training required? Yes

Conditions of training: Training will be provided. Once you've been oriented it will take 2 weeks to get your first paycheck, then you will get paid every week.

Is there possibility to change positions? No

Uniform required? Yes

Does employer provide uniform? Yes

Cost of uniform: 0

Is uniform refundable? No

Uniform provided details: Employer provides two shirts.

Do students need to purchase specific clothes or footwear? Yes



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If so, details for clothing: Must bring loose-fitting blue jeans that cover the ankle, no holes or rips. You will be provided one shirt. All black, closed-toe, non-skid tennis shoes. Students must purchase snow gear PRIOR to arrival- jacket, boots, gloves/mittens, hat, as you may be frequently working in the walk in freezer.

Grooming: Hair must be kept clean & reasonable length (NO ponytails or shoulder length hair for males)(for females it should be pulled back in a ponytail) NO piercings or visible tattoos. Females should only have one piercing per ear. Good hygiene must be maintained, daily showering, use of deodorant & laundered clothes. Males must be clean shaven at all times. Shirt must tucked in at all times.

Important points of job: This is a very busy grocery store. You will not have time to stand around - you will always have something to do. You must pay Union dues of \$40/month to work here.

Additional position information: Save Mart is visited often by secret shoppers. This means that any customer you assist could be a secret shopper. It is extremely important that you assist all customers with courtesy and professionalism, since the store is rated on their customer service regularly. Please be aware that the processing time for drug tests, SS applications, orientations, etc may be delayed during holidays and/or weekends.



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Housing Information

Housing name: SaveMart Tahoe City

Housing address: TBD

City: Tahoe City

Phone: (530) 583-5231

Fax:

Contact: Phil Jenkins

Email: 626mgr@savemart.com

Website:

Housing assisted by: Employer

Is student required to sign a separate housing contract? No

If so, contract details:

Type of housing: House

Number of people to a room: 2+

Bedrooms: 2+

Bath: 1+

Cost Type: Month

Cost Amount: \$450.00

Cost Details: Per student per month

Is housing cost deducted from paycheck? No

Is housing deposit required? No

Deposit amount:

Housing deposit due date:

Instructions for deposit payment:

Is housing deposit refundable? No

Conditions for deposit refund:

Utilities included: Yes

If so, utilities details: If you are careful about setting the room temperature there will not be any additional cost. If the utility bill increases greatly, then you will need to cover the extra.

Utilities estimated cost per month:

Is the housing mandatory? No

Can students find alternative housing during their stay? Yes

Method of transportation from housing to work site: Own

Transportation details: Should be able to ride the bus or walk to work.

Additional housing features: You will be living in a host family house. Please be respectful of their home while you are living with them.

Comments: The employer is working on securing the housing for you. More information will be provided in October/November.



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Location Area Information

Location type: Rural Area

Location of work site best described as: Tourist lake town

Location details: Tahoe City's miles of shoreline rest both North and West along Lake Tahoe. An array of year-round activities - including hiking, camping, fishing, and water sports in summer – make our small town a wonderful place to spend time with the family, enjoy world-class recreation or just relax and enjoy the view.

Enjoy four-star dining, homegrown coffee shops, elegant boutique shopping, art galleries, a walk along the lakeside trail system or Tahoe City's century-old heritage, historic sites and museums. population: 1,557

Average daily temperature: Winter: High 45 F (7.2 C); Low 16 F (-8.8 C)

Community or regional website: www.visittahoe-city.org

Nearest cities: Reno / 231,027 population

Distance to nearest cities: 45 miles (72 km)

What to wear: Winter: Heavy clothing, coat, hat, gloves, long underwear & snow boots.

Available public transportation: RTC/Citifare/Sierra

Public transportation access: Throughout the area

Accessible amenities (by walking or public transportation)

Food market: Yes

Shopping mall: No

Post office: Yes

Movie theater: No

Restaurants: Yes

Fitness center: No

Laundry: Yes

Internet café: Yes

Public library: Yes



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Suggested Travel Information

- Nearest international airport:** Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO)
Nearest airport: www.renoairport.com
Transportation from airport to employer and / or housing: www.renoairport.com or www.yolobus.com
Nearest bus station (to the airport): www.northlaketahoeexpress.com
Bus information (web site): www.northlaketahoeexpress.com
Nearest train information (to the airport): N/A
Train information (web site): N/A
If participant arrives after hours suggested, overnight accomodation: www.hihostels.com or www.travelocity.com (see below)
Cost per night: Varies
Transportation to overnight accomodation: www.renoairport.com or www.yolobus.com
Transportations cost: Various
Travel Instructions: Please see Welcome Letter.

Social Security Information

- Does the company require students to have Social Security number before arriving to the work place?** No
Does the company provide Social Security application assistance? Yes
If so, details: Please see Welcome Letter for important details and instructions.
Where is the closest Social Security office? Reno, NV
How far is the Social Security office from the work place? 50 miles (80 km)
Specific instructions: Upon arrival in America, please validate on your student profile in our database. Then wait approx. 4 to 10 days after validating and check your status is set to "S" on your profile. THEN you can apply for your card at Social Security Office located at: 1170 Harvard Way, Reno, NV 89502; Telephone: 1-888-808-5481; Hours: Mon & Tues 9am-4pm, Wed 9am- 12pm, Thu & Fri 9am - 4pm, except Federal holidays. Don't forget to get a receipt (and don't lose it) it is the only proof you have that you have applied!



CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL

Welcome Letter

WORK & TRAVEL

Dear Student,

Hello and Welcome! We are so happy that you will be visiting our country. Work & Travel can be exciting, but also challenging, especially in the beginning, but we believe you will find your experience rewarding and unforgettable. CHI is here to help! Please read carefully through this Welcome Letter.

My name is Mary Wolfe. I am the Regional Manager for the Western Region for Cultural Homestay International (CHI). My team and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have and we will also be available throughout your stay to assist with any problems that may occur. We have a CHI Program Coordinator that will be working with you during your program. You should be hearing from that person shortly via email. Please remember to check your email daily for important communications.

You must stay in contact with your CHI representative.

Have the best summer of your life!

Regards,

Mary Wolfe

Mary Wolfe
Regional Manager
email: chimaryw@chinet.org
phone: 1.530.715.0195



CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL

Program Information

WORK & TRAVEL

Please read the CHI Student Handbook, which you should have received at orientation or from your student agency. You are responsible for following all rules in this handbook. The rules are in place for your health, safety, and welfare. Failure to follow the rules may result in a participant's negative program status.

Be Prepared

- Make photocopies of important documents and leave a copy with loved ones.
- Back up your digital photos, in case your phone is stolen or broken.
- Leave things you could not bear to lose at home.
- Bring your welcome letter, your important documents, two extra sets of clothes and your necessary medicine in your carry on luggage. Checked luggage is often lost. The airline will deliver your bag to your US housing or employer once found, but it could take 3 or 4 days.
- *If your luggage is lost, send it to your employers address to ensure delivery.
- You are required to bring \$1000 with you from your country. We recommend you bring \$1200. The first few weeks of Work & Travel you will need these funds to establish yourself in a new country. You will need to pay your housing deposit, pay a week or two of rent, buy a sim card, purchase pillows, sheets, and blankets, food, uniforms, a bicycle, or have transportation money. It takes a few weeks to start working, be trained, become integrated into the schedule and get your first paycheck. You don't want to run out of money before your first paycheck arrives. Be prepared, you are moving to another country.

Communicate Your Arrival Information



- Check your email frequently for important information. Respond to it.
- Plan your flight accordingly: if your final destination is far away from your arrival airport, please check that your flight allows you to make any connecting transportation needed to get to your destination. If not, please make a reservation at a local hostel or motel and plan to continue your travels the next day.
- Do not arrive late at night! You may not be able to get into your housing after 20:00.
- You must contact your CHI representative, to let them know when you will be arriving.
- You must log into www.wt.chinet.org to enter your flight information, as soon as you book your ticket.
- Join CHI Facebook pages and become Friends with your Program Coordinator.

Be Safe

- Exercise adequate discretion, stay aware of your belongings, and avoid putting yourself into risky situations (such as unlit, deserted areas at night).
- Open a bank account, on the first day you check into your US housing, to keep the recommended \$1200 you brought from your country safe and secure. You will need this money. Never keep large amounts of money in your student housing no matter how much you trust your roommates.
- Once in the United States, never carry large amounts of money. You will have a debit card from the bank, if lost, this can always be cancelled. Do not give your PIN (personal identification number) to anyone. If you lose your cash, it can not be replaced.
- Do not carry your important documents or valuables to work. Keep your documents, including passport, safely hidden in your room. Never give your passport or documents to anyone (such as a landlord or employer) to keep. It is illegal for anyone to take your passport or documents from you for any reason.
- Bring an ID from your country to carry with you that can easily be replaced (University ID, residency card, drivers license). Passports are difficult & expensive to replace, and losing your passport can ruin your travel period plans.
- Establish a “do not lose it” discipline. Travelers are more likely to inadvertently lose their bags than to have them stolen. I have heard of students leaving passports under pillows, bags on the overhead rack on the bus, & documents in the taxi. Always take a look behind you as you leave.
- When you are out and about, never casually or carelessly set down any small valuable item, such as a phone or wallet. Either hold it in your hand or keep it tucked away. At cafés, do not place your phone on the tabletop or purse on the back of the chair where it will be easy to snatch — keep phones and valuables in your front pocket. Make it a habit to be careful with your things; it will become second nature.
- Stay vigilant in crowds and steer clear of disturbances near you.
- Participants should use common sense, stay with a partner or friend, especially at night. It is recommended participants let a friend know where they are.
- Bicycle riders with helmets had an 85 percent reduction in their risk of head injury and an 88 percent reduction in their risk of brain injury. If you ride a bicycle in the US, wear a helmet.

Student Account Profile | www.wt.chinet.org

- Validation is the second thing you need to do upon arrival in your new city, after calling your parents to report you have arrived safe.
- Log into your CHI Work & Travel account and complete your validation the same day you land in the USA. Many airports offer free wifi.
- If you are staying in a hotel the first days of your program, you should validate using the hotel information and update your information once you move to more permanent housing.
- If you have no access to the web, please call CHI at 1-800-432-4643. There are SERIOUS consequences if you do not validate your visa, beginning with a cancellation of your visa, so do it as soon as possible!
- Validation must be officially finalized by CHI before going to Social Security.
- Participants who do not validate in on their student profile or do not wait for the notification from CHI that their validation information has been approved, prior to going to Social Security, will delay their Social Security card for 60 days. Do not make this costly mistake.

Arriving at a United States Airport

The following documents you **MUST** have in your possession and present to the U.S. immigration officials upon arrival in the U.S.:

- Valid passport
- DS-2019 Form, the original copy signed with blue ink. Do not accidentally give your loved ones the original copy for safekeeping.
- I-901 SEVIS fee receipt
- J-1 Visa
- Job Offer
- Sponsor Letter

Arrival Tips:

- The immigration officer will review all documents, validate, and place a stamp on your DS-2019 form and your passport. The officer will then return all validated documents to you, including the DS-2019 form.
- Use your “do not lose it” discipline, remember to collect all documents from the immigration officer. This is a place students often misplace documents. Students are nervous, excited and fail to check they have received everything back before leaving the area.
- Wait to check-in on social media or take a selfie until you check you have all your documents.
- You should have no problem entering the U.S. as long as you have all the proper documentation, cooperate and communicate respectfully with the U.S. immigration officers at the airport.

Traveling to your Final Destination

- Before you leave your home country map out your trip. This is a great website to use: www.rome2rio.com. Your CHI representative will send you exact instructions in a letter prior to your arrival. Check your email daily, it is very important.
- When estimating your arrival time please add extra time for waiting for baggage, eating, or missing a bus or train connection.
- Be sure to have a small amount of American currency for regional travel before leaving the airport. Do NOT accept rides from strangers at the airport!
- Plan accordingly, if arriving late at night, please stay in a hotel or hostel and travel in the morning. (You will not be able to get into your housing if arriving late at night.)



Arriving at your Final Destination | What do I need to do now?

- Go to your employer, let them know you have arrived safely. They will provide you with your orientation/start date.
- 24 hours after entering the United States you will be required to retrieve a document on the internet called an I-94.
- Contact your CHI representative and let them know you arrived safely at your housing.
- Wait approximately 5 business days after validating in the database and report to the Social Security office to apply for a Social Security number.

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The I-94 Form is the Arrival / Departure Record that is issued by the immigration officer at the airport to all foreign visitors entering the United States. All I-94 records are created electronically and accessible online 24 hours after arrival.

Retrieval Tips:

- Wait 24 hours following your arrival in the US before you attempt to retrieve your I-94 number.
- Ensure that the computer you are using is connected to a printer (local library).
- Go to the <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>
- Enter the required information in all CAPITAL letters. Please make sure you enter your name exactly as it appears in your passport
- Click Submit
- You must print this document, it is a required document at Social Security

Applying for a Social Security Number

You must apply for your SS card with the local Social Security Office. Before applying for a Social Security card, **YOU MUST VERIFY YOUR VALIDATION IS AN S STATUS** in the database! This in most cases, takes 5 business days from the day you first validated in the database - www.wt.chinet.org.

Required Documents:

- Valid passport
- DS-2019 Form, the original copy signed with blue ink. Do not accidentally give your loved ones the original copy for safekeeping.
- I-901 SEVIS fee receipt
- J-1 Visa
- I - 94 Form, printed from the internet at your local community library or employer.

Second Jobs

- CHI does not provide second jobs.
- Second jobs are possible. However, your responsibility is to your primary employer. It is the primary employers participation in the Work & Travel program that has afforded you the opportunity to come to the United States.
- A second job may not conflict with your primary CHI position in anyway.
- If you are considering looking for a second job, please be reminded the employer must be approved by CHI for your safety.
- Failure to have any second job approved may result in a participant's negative program status.
- Your CHI representative will send you exact instructions in a letter prior to your arrival. Check your email daily, it is very important.

Health Insurance

It is required that all participants of Work & Travel obtain health insurance.

- Your health insurance provider will email your instructions to obtain your insurance card.
- Do not leave your home country without accessing the health insurance website and printing your card.
- In the United States, doctors and hospitals are in different buildings. Doctors generally have offices away from the hospital or work at an urgent care facility or clinic.
- For a basic illness, you will go to a doctors office, urgent care facility or clinic, pay \$100 and your insurance will cover any costs incurred after \$100.
- For a serious emergency, you will go to the hospital or emergency center, pay \$350 and your insurance will cover any costs incurred after \$350.
- There is no dental coverage. Please visit your primary care doctor and dentist in your home country before traveling to the United States.
- Please contact your CHI representative to report any illness or emergency you may have, so they can provide assistance.

Know the Law

- In the United States, you must be at least 21 years of age to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Underage drinking is illegal and can have severe consequences for young people who drink and for adults who provide alcoholic beverages to those under 21.

Be Safe. Follow the rules. Have fun.

