Office of Educator Excellence and Certification Services

**J-1 Visa Teacher Sponsor Application**

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) promotes the sponsorship of J-1 visas, enabling certified out-of-country PK-12 teachers to temporarily work in Rhode Island public schools. Providers applying to be RIDE- approved J-1 teacher visa partners must complete this application.

As a designated sponsor, you will make available qualified foreign teachers of diverse national backgrounds, increase participation in cross-cultural activities in our schools and communities and enhance Rhode Island students’ knowledge of foreign cultures and customs.

Providers will receive a No Objection letter, required by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, indicating approval status. Please allow 4-6 weeks for application review.

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| **Section A – Contact Information (Please Type or Print Clearly)** | | |
| **Provider Name:** | | |
| **Address:** | | |
| **City:** | **State:** | **Zip Code:** |
| **Title:** | | |
| **E-Mail:** | **Website:** | |
| **Phone Number (with extension, if applicable):**  **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Fax Number:**  **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | |
| **I attest that all the information on this application is true and accurate** | | |

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| **Section B – Services Provided by Entity** | | | |
| **1. Describe your process for verifying teaching experience and valid out-of-country licensure of candidates.** | | | |
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| **2. Rhode Island requires all foreign credential review providers to be NACES-approved or Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)-approved. In the space below, (a) please list all approved foreign credential provider(s) utilized in this process, and (b) describe your process for verifying foreign credentials of candidates to ensure United States program equivalency (minimum of bachelor’s degree).** | | | |
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| **3. Please indicate how you verify English language proficiency of candidates.** | | | |
| **Test** | **Oral** | **Hybrid Test/Oral** | **Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **4. Please list states where you are an approved J-1 Visa provider.** | | | |
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| **5. Describe your process for identifying and partnering with Rhode Island Local Education Agencies (LEAs).** | | | |
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| **6. Do you provide any additional support to international teachers while they are temporarily serving in Rhode Island? (Housing, transportation, mentoring, orientation)** | | | |
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Please email the completed application package to the Educator Quality mailbox at:

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