

Au Pair in America Extension Program

2024 Extension Program Costs *(for host family retaining their au pair)*



Program Options	Au Pair in America	Au Pair Extraordinaire	EduCare
12 month extension program fee	\$7,967	\$8,880	\$7,125
9 month extension program fee	\$5,975	\$6,660	\$5,344
6 month extension program fee	\$3,984	\$4,440	\$3,563
Minimum Weekly Stipend	\$195.75	\$300.00	\$146.81

Au pairs must receive a weekly stipend from the host family that is no less than the amount listed above. The U.S. Department of State accounts for costs associated with weekly room and board and other Fair Labor Standards Act considerations when establishing the above minimum weekly stipend amounts for the Au Pair and EduCare programs. In addition, Department of State regulations specify that an au pair may not provide more than forty-five (45) hours of child care assistance per week in the Au Pair or Extraordinaire Programs, or more than thirty (30) hours of child care assistance per week in the EduCare Program.

Host families in MA and CA should consult their host family portal for information pertaining to au pair wages in their states.

Host families and au pairs are free to agree to compensation higher than the legally applicable minimum. A host family may not pay less than the weekly minimum stipend. Beyond private room and full board expenses, host families should remain mindful that the au pair becomes a member of the household. As such, the au pair is likely to have recurring personal needs that may include expenses for mobile phone, internet use, personal car use/automobile insurance and/or public transportation, basic toiletries, and cultural and recreation experiences with your family, as well as special clothing needed because of climate differences from their home country, or for sports, recreation or travel. Host families and au pairs should discuss who will be responsible for these expenses in accordance with your mutual expectations, as well as the specific planned activities or excursions of the host family.

The au pair minimum weekly stipend, room and board, education allowance and other program elements are subject to change based on any revisions to Department of State regulations for the au pair program, or any other applicable laws or regulations. If this occurs, Au Pair in America will inform families. Au Pairs from over 50 countries enter the United States on a 12-month visa. Upon successful completion of the first year they have the option to extend their stay for 6, 9 or 12 months. A limited number of these Year2 au pairs elect to extend their program duration with a different family. In these instances host families pay the published match processing fee and the program fee is pro-rated pending the 6, 9 or 12 month extended stay.

Fees do not include:

- A \$367 payment to Au Pair in America to cover the program extension filing fees required by the Department of State is due and payable with the request to extend.
- The educational allowance required of all host families: up to \$500 for the Au Pair and Extraordinaire program for the 9 or 12 month extension; up to \$250 for the 6 month extension. EduCare companions are to receive up to \$1,000 for the 9 or 12 month extension; up to \$500 for the 6 month extension.

The extension program fee is due no later than 30 days prior to the start of the extension. Fees are payable by charging your Visa, MasterCard, American Express or by E-Check. Checks for Extension Filing Fee to be made payable to Au Pair in America.

Extended Payment Plan

The Extended Payment plan enables families to pay the program fee in six affordable installments for a 12 month contract; 4 installments for a 9 month contract. The Extended Payment Plan is only offered to those families who choose to extend for nine or twelve-months. Please note: A \$55 service charge is applied to each subsequent payment. The total Service Charge for the 9 month extension is \$220; for the 12 month extension is \$330.

Program Option	Initial Payment, 12 months (One month prior to arrival)	Initial Payment, 9 months (One month prior to arrival)	Five Additional Installments, 12 months	Three Additional Installments, 9 months
Au Pair	\$3,187	\$3,125	\$956	\$950
Extraordinaire	\$3,550	\$3,330	\$1,066	\$1,110
EduCare	\$2,850	\$2,659	\$855	\$895

Note: Those selecting a full 12-month program contract submit all six installments; on 9-month extension submit installments one, two, three and four. The Installment plan is not available to host families selecting a 6-month extension. *In addition to this payment, there is an additional service charge of \$55 per payment.

Au Pair in America requires Extended Payment Plan participants to give pre-authorization to charge the payment installments for the extension term. Families who have not previously elected to make payments through the Extended Payment Plan will be subject to a plan activator fee of \$80, in addition to the service charge of \$55 per payment.

**Pricing is in effect for extensions beginning January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024*

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