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Uni students looking to travel to the USA – time is running out!

As the northern hemisphere's winter approaches, many young Australians heading to the United States are sharpening their skis, putting the finishing touches on their resumes and getting excited about being a part of International Exchange Programs (IEP)'s *Work USA Old School* for the 2011-2012 season. Through this program, full-time university students have the opportunity to legally work and travel anywhere in the United States, while their classmates are sweltering through their Australian summer holidays.

Each year IEP sends young Aussies over to get a taste of the mighty U S of A, however, given the seasonal nature of the program, time is running out for those who want to enjoy all the wonders of an American winter this year! Applications will be closing at the end of October, and those who miss out will have to wait until July 2012 before they re-open.

IEP's *Work USA* Program Coordinator, Grace Breen explains why the program is such a success. *"With the USA being such a popular destination and the Australian dollar holding strong, many young Aussies are making the most of the opportunity to work, live and explore the wintry beauty of the United States"* Ms Breen explains. *"It's a shame that Work USA Old School has to have an expiration date each year, as it's a popular program. However, the fact that not everyone can do it makes it an immensely rewarding experience for those who are eligible."*

IEP's *Work USA Old School* program is available to Australians currently studying full-time at a recognised Australian university or TAFE or who are graduating this semester. There is no age restriction, however students must depart the US before the official university start date for 2012 as visa start and end dates are dictated by the academic calendar.

Applications for the 2011-2012 winter season will close on 31 October and IEP generally requires a minimum of 6 weeks to process applications.

For more information on *Work USA Old School*, or on any of IEP's other work & travel opportunities in the United States, please head to www.iep.org.au or contact IEP at info@iep.org.au or on (03) 9329 3866.

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