Au-pair to Germany

Procedure:

1. Please send your application four months before you want to come (e.g. in April/May, when you want to come in September). The visa procedure for non-EU citizens will take approximately 3 months.

2. You will find the application documents on our web page [www.invia-koeln.de/international](http://www.invia-koeln.de/international).

3. What we need from you:
   - A carefully filled-in application form (in German language) - Au-Pair Questionnaire
   - Curriculum vitae in German language
   - Letter to the host family in German language (please introduce yourself and explain why you want to come "Dear Host Family..." - it is not a professional application but a letter. Write about yourself, your interests, your motivation).
   - Childcare reference (translated in German - necessarily including address and telephone number of the reference encoder (e.g. the family where you made babysitting)
   - Proof of language proficiency (translated into German)
   - At least 3 private photos - preferably with children. Please look for friendly photos as the families look at the photos first
   - 3 passport photos (please look friendly)
   - Health certificate
   - Fill in your birth date into the questionnaire
   - Telephone number where you can be contacted with international code
   - Fill in your e-mail address WELL LEGIBLE into the questionnaire

4. As soon as we got your complete application, we will contact you and then look for suitable families. If a family is interested, they will contact you by mail. You can then get to know each other and decide whether you match. Therefore it is important that you check your e-mails regularly, for not missing a request.

5. When you have reached an agreement with the family, we will send you all necessary documents for the visa and you can go to the embassy to apply for your Au-Pair visa. Please check in advance which documents you have to submit (directly at the embassy or on the web page [www.auswärtiges-amt.de](http://www.auswärtiges-amt.de)).

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6. If you got the visa, please contact the family and make an agreement about your date of arrival.

7. As there is no visa necessary for EU-countries, i.e. the date of arrival can be chosen freely, you should make an respective agreement directly with the family.

The more flexible you are, the easier we can find a family for you. Almost all families are looking for an Au-Pair for 10-12 months. If you want to stay shorter, we cannot guarantee a placement.

For the aupair the placement is free of charge.