

This is a sample of a letter written to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to request J-2 work permission. You should compose your own letter drawing from this sample as a guide.

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[date]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request employment authorization. My name is [J-2's name] and I am the J-2 dependent [spouse/child] of [name of J-1 primary], a J-1 [student/scholar] at the University of Missouri. I would like to request permission for work authorization. J-2 work permission would enable me to gain work experience and earn income that I could use to fund my participation in recreational and cultural activities during my stay in the United States.

The support that my [spouse/parent] receives for [his/her] J-1 program is adequate to cover our family expenses. Any income derived from my employment is not needed to support my J-1 [spouse/parent].

Sincerely,

[signature of J-2 applicant]

[name of J-2 applicant]

[local address]