

Minga House Foundation

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What is MINGA?

"Minga entails a collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas. It refers to the commitment, contract or work agreement between two or more people. The word minga also stands for meeting or reunion."

TeachUSA - Teacher Fees Disclosure

Minga House Foundation does not charge teachers a service fee. We are a non-profit organization founded in Colombia with a mission to promote cultural exchange via education projects and practices. Minga House Foundation is funded through charitable contributions and other professional services. Minga House Foundation partners with several US J1 and H1B visa sponsors and these sponsors share some of their collected recruitment fees paid by the US school districts with Minga House Foundation.

Teachers should expect to incur the following expenses during the entire application and selection process. There is no guarantee of securing a position. This is a highly competitive global process, and each teacher stands on their own competing for the limited

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hirings. Minga House Foundation has grown an expertise in assisting teachers during the application and interview process.

Our best advice to teachers is to see this as a 2-year process and one that should not be taking lightly; rather it should include much financial planning and a well throughout transition plan.

Expected Teacher Costs:

- Official Transcripts (varies)
- Diploma (varies)
- Official English Translation of both Transcripts & Diploma (VISAS FACIL) \$5 USD per page (if needed)
- Credential Evaluations (SPANTRANS) \$195 USD
- J1 Visa Processing Fee (Sponsor determined) \$1250-1500 USD
- SEVIS Registration Fee \$220 USD
- Program and Insurance Fee \$90 per month, 2 months required typically.
- US Consulate Fee \$180 USD

Teachers should expect to pay at least \$200 USD in preparing their applications. Then, if awarded with a job offer, they can expect to spend at least \$2000 USD to process their visa applications. Beyond that, teachers should have sufficient funding to pay for their airfare as most school districts to not offer to

neither pay for the teacher's travel expenses nor for their family dependents. Minga House Foundation recommends to teacher candidates to have at least \$5000 USD in savings upon their departure to work & live in the USA. Why? because they will have to support their living expenses for themselves and possibly their families for 4-6 weeks until they first obtain a Social Security Number to start working and then wait possibly a month to receive their first paycheck. Financial planning is a successful transition and ought not to be taken lightly.

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