SAMPLE J-2 REQUEST LETTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Current Date

Your Name

Your Address

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a J-2 visa holder requesting employment authorization so that I may work in the US. My [husband/wife] is [name], a J-1 [student/scholar] at the University of Wyoming.

As you can see from my [husband/wife’s] DS-2019, we have sufficient funding for our essential needs.

My [husband’s/wife’s] annual [income/funding] is: $36,000

Our annual expenses:

 Tuition/Fees [if a J-1 is a student] $12,500

 Books $1,200

 Rent $10,200

 Food $6,000

 Utilities $1,200

 Insurance $2,000

 Miscellaneous (clothing, transportation, etc.) $2,400

 TOTAL $35,500

As the budget shows, we have enough to live modestly. However, I would like to have the opportunity to work to engage in cultural and recreational activities. [You can also indicate here that you wish to further your career, etc]. My income will not be used to support my [husband/wife].

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

[J-2 Signature]

[J-2 Name]