

**§ 514.6 Designation.**

(a) Upon a favorable determination that the proposed exchange program meets all statutory and regulatory requirements, the Agency may, in its sole discretion, designate an entity meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in § 514.3 as an exchange visitor program sponsor.

(b) Designation shall confer upon the sponsor authority to engage in one or more activities specified in § 514.4. A sponsor shall not engage in activities not specifically authorized in its written designation.

(c) Designations are effective for a period of five years. In its discretion, the Agency may designate programs, including experimental programs, for less than five years.

(d) Designations are not transferable or assignable.

**§ 514.7 Redesignation.**

(a) Upon expiration of a given designation term, a sponsor may seek redesignation for another five-year term.

(b) To apply for redesignation, a sponsor shall advise the Exchange Visitor Program Services by letter or by so indicating on the annual report.

(c) Request for redesignation shall be evaluated according to the criteria set forth at § 514.6(a) taking into account the sponsor's annual reports and other documents reflecting its record as an exchange visitor program sponsor.

(d) A sponsor seeking redesignation should notify the Agency, as set forth in (b) of this section, no less than four months prior to the expiration date of its designation. A sponsor seeking redesignation may continue to operate its program(s) until such time as the Agency notifies it of a decision to amend or terminate its designation.

**§ 514.8 General program requirements.**

(a) *Size of program.* Sponsors, other than Federal government agencies, shall have no less than five exchange visitors per calendar year. The Agency may in its discretion and for good cause shown reduce this requirement.

(b) *Minimum duration of program.* Sponsors, other than federal government agencies, shall provide each exchange visitor, except short-term scholars, with a minimum period of

participation in the United States of three weeks.

(c) *Reciprocity.* In the conduct of their exchange programs, sponsors shall make a good faith effort to achieve the fullest possible reciprocity in the exchange of persons.

(d) *Cross-cultural activities.* Sponsors shall:

(1) Offer or make available to exchange visitors a variety or appropriate cross-cultural activities. The extent and types of the cross-cultural activities shall be determined by the needs and interests of the particular category of exchange visitor. Sponsors will be responsible to determine the appropriate type and number of cross-cultural programs for their exchange visitors. The Agency encourages sponsors to give their exchange visitors the broadest exposure to American society, culture and institutions; and

(2) Encourage exchange visitors to voluntarily participate in activities which are for the purpose of sharing the language, culture, or history of their home country with Americans, provided such activities do not delay the completion of the exchange visitors' programs.

**§ 514.9 General obligations of sponsors.**

(a) *Adherence to agency regulations.* Sponsors are required to adhere to all regulations set forth in this part.

(b) *Legal status.* Sponsors shall maintain legal status. A change in a sponsor's legal status (e.g. partnership to corporation) shall require application for designation of the new legal entity.

(c) *Accreditation and licensure.* Sponsors shall remain in compliance with all local, state, federal, and professional requirements necessary to carry out the activity for which they are designated, including accreditation and licensure, if applicable.

(d) *Representations and disclosures.* Sponsors shall:

(1) Provide accurate and complete information, to the extent lawfully permitted, to the Agency regarding their exchange visitor programs and exchange visitors;