



Mission Statement: *...reaching out to encourage a lifelong journey of global peace and understanding*

## CETUSA Statement on Status of J-1 Visa Programs

January 31st, 2017

Following President Trump's executive order titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States" signed on January 27th, 2017, we understand many of our host families have questions.

We would like to reassure our current families and participants that CETUSA will continue to operate as a J-1 visa sponsor organization. Current participants should expect to complete their exchange program according to schedule and prospective participants will continue to be welcomed.

The executive order does affect those students from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen who are here or will be traveling here on a J-1 student visa. While CETUSA is not affected directly, we will continue to watch for any changes that may affect our program.

The mission of CETUSA is "reaching out to encourage a lifelong journey of global peace and understanding" for the students, host families and communities that are part of the exchange experience. We strongly believe that and welcome our students from all over the world.

We will continue to monitor the news and will keep all of our families and participants informed if anything is to change.

Thank you,

CETUSA