



**STAR
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Au Pair in China Program Alternative Programs

The demand for the Star Exchange Au Pair in China Program from time to time exceeds the number of available host families. Therefore, we also cooperate with agencies not offering our standard program. Down below you will find a list with additional program options. Please, mark which options would be OK for you.

When should I consider alternative options?

Please, consider alternative programs / program options if

- you want to go to China quickly.
- you speak English with a noticeable accent.
- you apply during graduation periods (matura exams, university semester breaks).
- you do not fulfill the general requirements (e.g. age criterion: 18-29)
- you have special requirements, e.g. regarding a certain city, food, religion ...

1) Would you be open to alternative options?

- I only want to take part in the Star Exchange Program as stated on the Star Exchange website. [You are done with the questionnaire.]
- I would be open to alternative programs / program options.

2) Which regions of China would be Ok for you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> all of China | <input type="checkbox"/> only the South |
| <input type="checkbox"/> only the North | <input type="checkbox"/> any city in the South |
| <input type="checkbox"/> any city in the North | <input type="checkbox"/> Shanghai |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beijing | <input type="checkbox"/> Guangzhou |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Qingdao | <input type="checkbox"/> Shenzhen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tangshan | <input type="checkbox"/> Chengdu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Langfang | <input type="checkbox"/> Chongqing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shenyang | <input type="checkbox"/> Hangzhou |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Xi'an | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuzhou |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dalian | |

Any comments from your side?

3) Which alternative program options would be Ok for you?

The following list just states the differences between the alternative programs and the Star Exchange standard program as stated on our website. I.e., if a program item down below does not list a certain option, this option will be the same as with the Star Exchange standard program.

Mandarin lessons:

- I only want to receive Mandarin lessons at a university.
- I am open to private lesson held at home or at an agency.
- I would prefer English lessons.

Working hours*:

- I can only work 25 hours/week.
- I can work up to 30 hours/week.
- I can only work 5 days/week.
- I can work up to 5.5 days/week.

* The expression "to work", "working hours" is only used to aide the participant's understanding. The au pair program is a cultural exchange program and no labor relation.

Introduction period:

- I want to visit a training center.
- I am fine with a theoretical introduction / a lecture about the life as an au pair.
- I want my personal advisor to be with me the first days in my host family.
- It's Ok with me if my personal advisor is available on call during my first days with the host family.

Any comments from your side?

- 4) **We have an agreement with our partner agencies which offer an alternative program that they will provide you with a program completion bonus to make up for the services they cannot offer.**

For participants staying at least 6 months, but less than a year:

I would insist on a bonus

- of at least 1,000 RMB
- more than 1,000 RMB

For participants staying a year or more:

I would insist on a bonus

- of at least 2,000 RMB
- more than 2,000 RMB

Any comments from your side?

- 5) **If no host family was available for your period of stay or preferred region would you consider another program?**

- I only want to take part in the au pair program.
- I could imagine to become a teacher in China.
- I could imagine to become a language volunteer in China. [Very much like the au pair program, except you teach small classes and have a host family **or** an apartment.]
- I am Ok with being introduced to other agencies with which Star Exchange has a cooperation agreement.

Any comments from your side?