§ 62.3 Sponsor eligibility.

(a) Entities eligible to apply for designation as a sponsor of an exchange visitor program are:
   (1) United States local, state and federal government agencies;
   (2) International agencies or organizations of which the United States is a member and which have an office in the United States; or
   (3) Reputable organizations which are “citizens of the United States,” as that term is defined in §62.2.

(b) To be eligible for designation as a sponsor, an entity is required to:
   (1) Demonstrate, to the Department of State’s satisfaction, its ability to comply and remain in continual compliance with all provisions of part 62; and
   (2) Meet at all times its financial obligations and responsibilities attendant to successful sponsorship of its exchange program.

§ 62.4 Categories of participant eligibility.

Sponsors may select foreign nationals to participate in their exchange visitor programs. Participation by foreign nationals in an exchange visitor program is limited to individuals who shall be engaged in the following activities in the United States:

(a) Student. An individual who is:
   (1) Studying in the United States:
      (i) Pursuing a full course of study at a secondary accredited educational institution;
      (ii) Pursuing a full course of study leading to or culminating in the award of a U.S. degree from a post-secondary accredited educational institution; or
      (iii) Engaged full-time in a prescribed course of study of up to 24 months duration conducted by:
         (A) A post-secondary accredited educational institution; or
         (B) An institute approved by or acceptable to the post-secondary accredited educational institution where the student is to be enrolled upon completion of the non-degree program;
   (2) Engaged in academic training as permitted in §62.23(f); or
   (3) Engaged in English language training at:
      (i) A post-secondary accredited educational institution; or
      (ii) An institute approved by or acceptable to the post-secondary accredited educational institution where the college or university student is to be enrolled upon completion of the language training.

(b) Short-term scholar. A professor, research scholar, or person with similar education or accomplishments coming to the United States on a short-term visit for the purpose of lecturing, observing, consulting, training, or demonstrating special skills at research institutions, museums, libraries, post-secondary accredited educational institutions, or similar type of institutions.

(c) Trainee. An individual participating in a structured training program conducted by the selecting sponsor.

(d) Teacher. An individual teaching full-time in a primary or secondary accredited educational institution.

(e) Professor. An individual primarily teaching, lecturing, observing, or consulting a post-secondary accredited