



2012 CORE TRAINING PROGRAM (CTP) SCHEDULE

August 15th	MESA emails key program documents to Global Partners (GPs).
September 25th	GPs email, fax or mail signed GP Agreement Forms to MESA, ensuring that all candidates meet J1 visa and agricultural Program eligibility criteria, and indicating the number of candidates they intend to nominate for the 2012 Core Training Program.
September 30th	MESA provides GPs with online access for Steward candidates to complete and submit 2012 Applications. Steward applications must be submitted online no later than November 15th.
November 15th	<i>Steward Application deadline. Applications submitted after November 15th will be wait-listed for the 2012 Program.</i>
December-February	MESA notifies GPs of a potential host or hosts for a specific candidate > GP then shares the host's online information and training plan with the specific candidate > candidate accepts or rejects the placement offer and informs GP > GP notifies MESA.
February 15th, 2012	Most U.S. host farm placements confirmed. MESA issues J-1 visa applications for all approved Stewards. Confirmed Stewards must schedule interviews for their visas at the U.S. Embassy.
<u>Sunday, March 25, 2012</u>	U.S. Arrival date: San Francisco International (SFO).
March 25-30, 2012	MESA hosts the annual CTP Orientation at Hidden Villa Farm and Wilderness Center in California. Schedule to be announced.
Friday, March 30, 2012	Stewards travel to U.S. host assignments.
June-September, 2012	MESA staff visits Stewards assigned to first-time host placements.
November 12-16, 2012	Stewards return to San Francisco to attend the Exit Seminar. Program evaluation/Sightseeing/shopping, receive MESA certificates of Program Achievement.
<u>November 17, 2012</u>	U.S. Departure Date/Return flight home: Stewards not extending their Program and/or not planning to travel on their own in the U.S. during the 30-day grace period must schedule return flights home from San Francisco on this date.