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By abhinav

New York City is a city of spirit, heart and hard to decide for travel, even in the face of disaster.

Home to such riches as the Statue of Liberty, 5th Avenue boutiques; the famous Broadway stages and the breathtaking Met, the Empire State Building, Central Park,

New York is one of the best tourist places in the world and in USA as well. Being the most excellent tourist spot the city New York has top rated hotels in USA providing range of facilities & various type of hotels, well–located, the finest amenities & services that make you feel at home away from home.

In most of the cases specially while traveling to major cities & tourist places & attractions, the hotels close to New York City and near to any major & crowd attraction, the more money you can expect to pay to the hotel. Here you have the option to choose a low cost hotel in New York. One of the best option to save money is the stay with the hotel little far from the city like not in any posh area and try if you can manage with 2–3 star rating hotel in New York city. This will just save money for you.

As far as the shopping areas are concern a number of shopping centers you can find around any hotel you choose to stay in New York, but here again you can look for the cheap & better shopping places little far from the hotel.

We should always try to save money in all protocol while traveling to any city in any country and because sometime New York goes very expensive in seasons so this would be a good idea to choose the better place to travel with discounted cost if possible. Instead of paying more money to guide or travel agent try to use the direct services from the hotel like book your hotel online and try to contact local person for more information, to find out the best shopping area, attractions and all you want. Stay in a comfortable hotel with low cost and for shopping you can choose some less crowd region, for travel you can select the city bus for New York city travel, and off course try to keep your money safe although the crime rate is not high in New York but still when you are saving money this is very important to keep this safe for future travel or for next visit to New York City.

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New York City Schools And Teachers' Union Join Forces To Attract New Teaching Talent Through Innovative Housing Support Program

By Patricia Hawke

Like many other school districts in large, metropolitan cities, New York City Schools currently have a shortage of qualified teachers, especially in the most challenging schools. Though state law requires teachers in the targeted critical subject areas of mathematics, science and special education to be certified, there are 600 positions now held by teachers without the proper credentials. This shortage, which covers all grades in the middle and high schools, demanded an innovative solution to the problem.

New York City schools and the United Federation of Teachers developed a creative method to fill the need for experienced, certified teachers — a new housing support program. It is considered one of the most concerted and generous programs aimed at recruiting teachers in subject areas with the worse shortages. The joint effort is a rare example of cooperation between the two parties.

The housing support program gives incentives worth up to \$15,000 to certified teachers in the shortage areas. The initial payment incentive is up to \$5,000 for housing-related expenses. These expenses include relocation costs, down payment on a mortgage, and rental fees and deposits. This initial payment is followed by a monthly housing stipend of \$400 for a two-year period.

Additionally, the New York City schools and teachers' union have partnered with the city's Department of Housing Preservation and Development to provide home ownership assistance to these teachers. This will include home ownership counseling and access to down payment assistance for eligible teachers and their families.

To qualify for the housing support program, teachers must have at least two years teaching experience, be able to pass a rigorous selection process, and be willing to commit to teach in New York City schools for at least three years. Former New York City schools teachers with two years teaching experience, certified and have been out of the New York City schools system for at least two years also are eligible for the program. Teachers already living in the New York City schools area and wish to switch to the city schools could use the money for existing rent and mortgage payments.

The innovative program creates an opportunity for all members of the teachers union to avail themselves of these housing subsidies and defray the higher cost of housing in the New York City schools area. It is one of the most aggressive housing incentive programs in the United States. In comparison, Chicago schools offer a \$7,500 subsidy, while California offers up to \$20,000 but all of it must be repaid.

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The New York City schools are strategically recruiting with trips to the state of California, which has comparable housing costs, as well as other states in the northwestern and southeastern areas of the United States. Additionally, an advertising campaign will promote the New York City schools program in the local and national newspapers, as well as other print and electronic media. The New York City schools are hoping to hire an extra 100 teachers for the 2006–07 school year. Teachers hired will begin work in a high–need middle or high school, where these teachers are most in demand.

The new housing support program will make a real difference to underserved students and gives a competitive advantage to the New York City schools.

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