What is the programme?
A Demi Au Pair lives with a New Zealand family and receives free lodging and meals in exchange for helping their host family 20 hours per week. Duties may include: general household help such as preparing children for school in the morning, making lunch boxes, escorting children to school, collecting children from school, homework help, preparation of snacks, light household duties such as cleaning and tidying, washing, cooking, playing and engaging with children, childcare and possible evening babysitting. Demi Au Pairs receive a small allowance of $60 per week.

What kind of visa is required?
- Working Holiday Visa – time allowed working with one family is subject to country regulations
- Student Visa with permission to work up to 20 hours per week – Student Visa holders can only work for the duration of their LSI Student Visa

Course requirements:
- Working holiday visa holders: minimum of 8 weeks of Intensive 24 or Intensive 30 course
- Student Visa holders: minimum of 14 weeks of Intensive 24 or Intensive 30 course

Who can apply?
- Traits: reliable, responsible, have common sense. Interested in or experienced with children and happy to pitch in and become part of a New Zealand family.
- Age: 20+ years of age
- English level: Upper Intermediate English level or higher
- Additional: drivers licence and first aid certificate an advantage

Steps to apply for a Demi Au Pair position and the costs involved:
1) Student must stay with an LSI homestay family for the first month on arrival in New Zealand, while they are studying at LSI Auckland.
2) Student pays a deposit of NZ$100 up-front to start the process.
3) The student will be interviewed by the Au Pair agency while they are studying at LSI
4) The agency looks for a host family match for the Demi Au Pair
5) Student will pay the Au Pair agency a placement fee of NZ$300 for 3 months or NZ$500 for over 3 months (prices GST inclusive) once a host family match has been confirmed. An ongoing monthly service fee of $40 incl GST per month is payable to the Au Pair agency for the length of the Au Pair placement.

Is a placement guaranteed?
- Students are not guaranteed a Demi Au Pair position – students will be informed in the first month of their course at LSI if it will or will not be possible.
What if I don’t like the family?
Students are able to move within the first month of starting their Demi Au Pair position – this is possible if the student or family are not happy. If this happens, the student is responsible for finding somewhere to live whilst a new family is found. There is no guarantee of a new placement. A refund of the placement fee may be considered, depending on the circumstances for the placement not continuing. This is subject to the determination of the au pair agency, and based on the circumstances of each individual situation.

Please contact LSI Auckland for more information about the program and/or a copy of the Contract for the Demi Au Pair.