

- be between 18 to 25 years of age inclusive;
- show proof of interim support funds in the amount of \$600;
- pay a registration fee of \$150 (15 per cent rebate to all full CFS members); and
- make all travel arrangements through CFS' wholly owned company Travel Cuts.

Brochures on SWAP with application forms are available at all Travel Cuts offices across Canada. Applicants must apply at least six weeks before proposed departure so that SWAP can obtain their visa and make travel arrangements.

### **Ireland**

Canadian students from 18 to 30 years of age inclusive may spend up to four months working in the Republic of Ireland. Though participants must conduct their own job search, the Dublin office of the Union of Students in Ireland Travel (USIT) is available for advice and assistance. See the SWAP brochure at any Travel Cuts office for details. You may wish to combine an Irish working holiday with SWAP Britain, the British Isles Package. The fee for SWAP Ireland is \$100, while the British Isle package costs \$190.

### **Japan**

Canada and Japan have recently signed an agreement which allows young Canadians to enjoy a working holiday in Japan for an initial period of six months with a possible extension to one year. SWAP has established a program in Japan under the agreement and works in co-operation with the Tokyo office of Student Travel Australia (STA) and the Japan Council of Young Workers. SWAP offers individual departures

year-round and group departures in May and September. Most participants find employment in English language instruction. Please note that Japan is extremely expensive by Canadian standards though wages earned will cover living costs. Information and applications are available at the nearest Travel CUTS offices. Any Canadian aged 18 to 30 may apply for SWAP Japan since student status is not a requirement. For individual departures, the registration fee is \$150. For group departures on SWAP Japan, this fee is \$200 since there are more services available.

### **New Zealand**

SWAP has two departures for a working holiday in New Zealand in early May and mid-August of each year. All visas expire on October 31 of every year regardless of the date of one's departure. Though participants must conduct their own job search, there is no competition from New Zealand students as the seasons are reversed "down under." Past participants have reported no difficulties in finding employment. The various offices of the New Zealand Student Travel Bureau (NZSTB) provide SWAP students with advice and assistance when required. Space on this program is limited. Please see the nearest Travel Cuts office for more details on SWAP New Zealand and for selection criteria. This program is open to students between the ages of 18 and 30. The fee for SWAP N.Z. is \$150.

### **Travel Cuts locations**

Travel CUTS is the wholly owned travel company of CFS with offices across Canada. These are listed below.