

## Frequently asked questions

- **Would the list of local SWT agencies be available for general public?**

Yes, the list is published on our website. This is available here:

[http://photos.state.gov/libraries/ukraine/895/pdf/agency\\_list\\_2013.pdf](http://photos.state.gov/libraries/ukraine/895/pdf/agency_list_2013.pdf)

- **Who can participate in the SWT program?**

Applicants must be bona fide students enrolled and participating full time at accredited post-secondary academic institutions located outside the United States at the time of application

- **Can third country nationals apply for J-1 visa in Kyiv to participate in SWT?**

Yes, if they reside (live and study) in Ukraine.

- **Are PhD students (аспіранти) eligible to participate?**

No, they are not eligible to participate.

- **Can first year students participate in the SWT program?**

Yes, they can. Participants must have completed at least one semester (or the quarter or trimester equivalent) in order to qualify to participate.

- **Are final year students eligible to participate?**

Final year students who apply for the Summer Work Travel program while still in school may participate in the Summer Work Travel program during the school's major academic break that follows their graduation.

- **Are medical students, who are usually a bit older than the rest of the SWT applicants, eligible for participation in the SWT program?**

Yes, if they are full time students. There is no age limit for participation in the SWT program.

- **Should requests to the Call Center be sent in a form of template?**

No, every applicant needs to schedule visa interview through the website <http://www.ustraveldocs.com> using Summer Work Travel scheduling instructions that will be posted in January 2013.

- **When scheduling appointments, will there be a restriction in regards to a minimum /maximum number of the SWT applicants from one agency?**

No, there will be no limit. The Consular Section will make an effort to accommodate all requests. However it might be difficult to find available interview slots in April and May.

- **Can applicants use unused MRV-fee vouchers from the last year?**

Yes. MRV-fee vouchers can be used for up to one year from the date of payment. If you would like to schedule the visa interview using a MRV-fee voucher purchased less than a year ago, please notify the Call Center at +380 44 383 8066.

- **What jobs are NOT permitted under the SWT program regulations?**

The following positions are some of the prohibited jobs:

- a) any position in the adult entertainment industry;
- b) positions that are substantially commission based.
- c) sales positions that require participants to purchase inventory that they must sell in order to support themselves;
- d) domestic help positions in private homes (e.g., child care, elder care, gardener, chauffeur);
- e) pedicab or rolling chair drivers or operators;
- f) operators of vehicles or vessels that carry passengers for hire and/or for which commercial drivers licenses are required;
- g) any position related to clinical care that involves patient contact; or
- h) any position that could bring notoriety or disrepute to the Exchange Visitor Program.

Please check <http://j1visa.state.gov/programs/summer-work-travel> for the full list of the jobs that are not permitted.

- **What if student found a job, but Sponsor refuses to vet it?**

All job positions must be vetted by the U.S. Sponsoring Organization. A person cannot travel to the U.S. to participate in the SWT program if his/her position was not vetted by the U.S. Sponsor.

- **How can Camp Counselors schedule their appointments?**

All Camp Counselors can schedule their appointment as regular J-1 visa applicants if their Exchange Visitor's Category (#4 on the DS-2019) indicates 'Camp Counselor'.

- **Can refused students apply for a J-1 visa?**

Yes, we would like to give every SWT participant an equal chance to schedule visa appointment and apply for their visa. However these spots tend to fill up quickly so you might have difficulty scheduling a new appointment. You will need to pay an MRV-fee again if you want to reapply.

- **What if I-94 form was left in the passport?**

If an applicant returns home with the Form I-94 still attached to the passport, in order to validate a timely departure, please refer for instructions to the U.S. Embassy webpage at <http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/niv-exit.html> or to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection at <https://help.cbp.gov>.

- **Can a person apply for J-1 visa to participate in SWT if they have previously participated in the Diversity Visa lottery (Green card lottery)?**

We evaluate each applicant individually on the basis of his or her ties to Ukraine. Although participation in the DV lottery does not disqualify one for an exchange visitor visa or any other visa, it does indicate a desire to immigrate to the US, which is a factor in evaluating one's ties to Ukraine. In order to qualify for most categories of a US temporary visa, the applicant must demonstrate strong ties to their residence abroad.

- **Does full information regarding parents need to be indicated on the DS-160 form?**

Yes. Every applicant must indicate full information regarding his/her parents. This information must be indicated even if parents are divorced, not living together or deceased.

- **Is it better to not answer if we have relatives living in the US?**

The US Embassy verifies all information for SWT applicants. Be fully honest and open about all information. Any information that is not correct will cause your application to be rejected and you will have to re-apply for a visa interview.

- **What if we make a mistake on DS-160?**

Correction of every mistake can take a lot of steps and is very time-consuming. We would like to ask you to double check all information on the DS-160 application form before submitting it. If you find a mistake after you have submitted the DS-160 form, you would not be able to correct it. The visa application with the mistake in the form will be processed accordingly and may cause significant hardship to the applicant since it will delay the visa processing. Please ensure the accuracy of information before submitting it online. If your documents do not match at the time of the interview, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED AND YOU WILL HAVE TO RE-APPLY FOR A VISA INTERVIEW. If you discover the mistake prior to your interview, please reschedule and correct the mistake.

- **What date should be indicated as a date of graduation of Bachelor student who plans to continue studies as a graduate student?**

Such student must indicate the date of completion of the current Bachelor's program as his/her date of graduation even if they plan to continue their studies.

- **If very participant needs to get back to Ukraine by September 1, 2012, it's very likely that there will be not enough flights to accommodate all participants on September 1. Can they arrive later?**

No, they cannot arrive later than September 1, 2012. According to the program regulations all SWT participants must return to their home country prior to the start date of their university or college. This means that they need to return to Ukraine any time before September 1, 2012 (the beginning of studies).

- **Why is the program end date for Ukrainian students August 31, 2013 this year?**

The program regulations require that all SWT participants are back in their home countries for the first day of classes. In 2013, the school year will begin on September 1, 2013. For Ukrainian students to return in time, their last day in America must be August 31, 2013 or earlier.