**ICEO-WT Questionnaire**

**Applicant: Bartkus Valdas**

**1.**Your **hobbies, interests:**

I am active member and part of council at Non Governmental Organization “Krantas” for 5 years. I

love sports like soccer, basketball and specially swimming.

**2.**Your **career / professional** interests:

I‘m looking forward to go gain experience working with people who have different lifestyle, culture

and traditions. I believe my English skills will improve, which will help me in the future.

**3.**Why would you like to take part in the **ICEO USA Summer Work / Travel Program**?

This program is the best opportunity not just to work and get working experience, but also to get

unforgetable time meeting new people, understanding American culture,traditions and discovering

breathtaking nature.

**4.**How would you describe the Summer Work Travel program (in general)?

I would describe SWT program as a challenging, life changing opportunity. It‘s wonderful chance to earn

how to live on your own, surounded with friendly people. I believe this experience can make you grow as

a better person.

**5.**What are **your expectations** of the ICEO USA Summer Work / Travel program?

I hope to find out more about American culture, traditions. Looking forward to participate in some

local events, meet fantastic people, improve my English skills and of course to travel around the

USA.

**6.**Have you ever travelled **outside of your home country? If yes - where** did you travel?

Yes, I have participated in several youth exchanges in Europe. I have been to Turkey, Austria, Denmark,

Greece, Poland, Romania, USA.

**7.**Have you ever been **to USA before?** If yes, please describe the **purpose of your visit and what year(s) did** they occur?

Yes, I went to USA with Work and Travel program 2017

**8.**If you visited the US before, what did you like the most about it? If you haven’t been to the US before, what are your expectations?

I loved that people are really friendly and helpful. Also I really enjoyed nature and city life.

**9.**Where do you plan to work during your ICEO Program (**State, Region**)?

I‘m planning to work in Massachusetts, Plymouth.

**10.If available, will you take part in ICEO organized cultural activities?**

Yes, I would love to participate in cultural activities. It would allow me to know more about

American culture, traditions. Also it is wonderful chance to meet local people and find out about

their lifestyle and life experience.

**11.**What are your plans for **interacting with US citizens** during program in USA?

My plans are to communicate with US citizens as much as possible to find out about their lifestyle,

experience, traditions and habits.

**12.**What are your plans for **local community involvement** during your program?

I hope to be involved in local events as much as possible. It‘s the best way to learn about local

traditions and lifestyle.

**13.**Do you have **any work experience? If yes - type of employer, duration?**

Yes, Junior web application developer(8 months)

**14.**What would you say are your best qualities: **a) as a person:** Friends describe me as friendly, funny, caring person.

**b) as a student/employee**:

Colleagues describe me as hard working, fast-learner, trustworthy person.

**15**.Do you have any friends or **relatives in the US?** (If YES - which State and how many years have they lived in the US?)

No

**16.**Have you ever participated **in any cultural / educational exchange program(s)? If yes,** please describe:

Yes, I have participated in youth exchanges in Poland. We discused relationship between Lithuanians

and Polish. The main topic was to find our similarities and differences of cultural and historical level.

Also Work and travel 2017.

**17.**What do you think will be **the greatest challenge for you** while taking part in the ICEO USA Summer Work / Travel Program?

The greatest challenge would be to spend a few week in a car by travelling and discovering new places.