

Introduction

Hello there!

My name is Barry Rodriguez, and I'm the director of World Next Door. My team and I are so excited that you are thinking about joining us this summer! Now, I know you're probably *dying* to get on to the next page and actually *apply* for this thing, but let me just share a few words with you before you begin.

First of all, I want to say how cool it is that you have even decided to *pick up* this application in the first place. Traveling overseas can be stressful. Traveling overseas to *Ukraine* can be overwhelming. Traveling overseas to Ukraine for two months, living with a host family, eating Ukrainian food and working in a ministry attempting to combat some of the greatest injustices of our time... Well, that's just crazy.

But it tells me one thing about you. Whether you get accepted for this internship or not, this application proves that you are attempting to live a brave life, not a safe one. You are willing to walk among the poor and broken people of this world. You are willing to forgo a few comforts if it means making the world just a little bit more like it is meant to be.

You're my kind of person.

That said, my team and I need to be honest with you. There are a *lot* of people interested in this internship, and *not* a lot of spaces. Realistically, we can only take about four to six interns this summer.

Also, if you *do* get accepted, it's going to be a lot of work. We'll be giving you writing assignments, movies to watch and books to read. We'll have several training sessions, one-on-one meetings and a team retreat. Oh, and did I mention that you'll have to raise around five thousand dollars?

Ok. You get it. It'll be tough. But it will be *more* than worth it.

You are going to learn. You are going to grow. You are going to change. When you come back at the end of the summer, I guarantee that you will see the world differently. And when you *do* return home, you will know deep down that you chose to live brave, not safe...

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Tell us a little bit about yourself...

First Name:

Last Name:

Male Female

Date of Birth:

Phone (cell):

Phone (home):

Email:

Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Do you have a passport? Yes No

If yes...

Passport Number:

Issuing Authority:

Expires:

Do you have a website or blog? What's the URL?

In one sentence, where are you in life right now (school, working, etc.)?

So, World Next Door? Ukraine? Tell us more!

Tell us why you are applying for this summer internship. What do you hope to get out of it? What do you hope to contribute?

Tell us about some other cross cultural trips you've been on. Where did you go? How long were you there? They don't have to be international, but definitely include any overseas trips you've taken.

How do your friends and family feel about you going on this trip? Has anyone expressed concerns?

Let's talk about your spiritual journey...

Give us a few snapshots of your spiritual journey up to this point. What have been some high points? Some low points? Where has God taken you so far?

Describe what God has been teaching you in the past three months.

What does "salvation" mean to you? What does being a Christian look like?

Now it's time to get a little worked up...

Of all the social injustices in the world (AIDS, hunger, malaria, poverty, etc.), what is the one that makes your blood boil the most? Or to put it another way, if you could snap your fingers and magically bring an end to one specific injustice, which would it be? Why?

Tell us about a time that God has "wrecked" you. In other words, describe a situation in which you encountered a reality so earth-shattering that you have never been the same since. How did you handle it? What did you learn?

And now to find out a little more about you...

Please list three people we could call to ask a few questions about you. But remember, they have to fall into each of the categories below...

#1 – A friend about your age

Name: _____ How long have you known him/her? _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

#2 – A former boss or employer

Name: _____ Where did you work? _____
How long did you work there? _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

#3 – Someone with spiritual authority in your life

(this could be a mentor, pastor, small group leader, etc.)

Name: _____ How long have you known him/her? _____
What is his/her relationship to you? _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

A few minor housekeeping questions

Here are a few questions we've included simply to help us better organize the trip. These have absolutely NO bearing on whether you get accepted or not. We promise.

Do you have a digital camera? Yes No

If yes, what brand and model is it (e.g. Nikon d90)?

Do you have a laptop? Yes No

Do you have a video camera? Yes No

If yes, what brand and model is it?

Writing Samples

Ok, this *is* a journalistic internship, so we need to get a feel for your writing ability (as if the previous 700 questions weren't enough!). However, you don't have to create these from scratch. If you have something already written (school paper, blog post, etc.) that matches these criteria, by all means, use it.

Please attach these assignments as separate files. Just be sure to label them so we know which assignment we're reading.

Sample 1: The story of a time you encountered another culture, what it was like and what you learned. Again, this does not need to be an international experience. Sometimes traveling downtown can give someone culture shock!

Sample 2: Any sort of research paper or article teaching us something we probably don't know anything about (Samarkand architecture or honeybee mating rituals for example). No points off if we *do* happen to know all about it. We know a lot of random stuff. *Remember, this can be something you've already written...*

Sample 3: Anything. Really! Any piece of writing that you think showcases your writing ability. It can be narrative, informative, whatever...

Sample 4 (optional): If you are a photographer, videographer, graphic designer, etc. and would like to share some of your favorite work, please include a link to an online gallery, Youtube video, website, or whatever else showcases your creation.

Finally, please give a one sentence summary of each document below so that we can remember at a glance what you wrote. Thanks!

Sample 1:

Sample 2:

Sample 3:

Sample 4 (optional):

The last page...

Because you will essentially be representing two different ministries on this internship (World Next Door and your Ukrainian host ministry), it is important that we have an honest and accurate understanding of the following issues. Any special concerns can be discussed individually.

Have you ever been convicted or pleaded guilty to a crime? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been accused, charged or alleged to have, or have you ever committed any act of neglect, abuse, or molestation of any child? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been concerned that you might have an addiction to drugs, alcohol, pornography, or any other addiction, or has anyone ever suggested that you might have a problem with any of the above? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Applicant Agreement...

I certify that all information I have provided in order to apply for the World Next Door summer internship is true, complete and correct.

I expressly authorize, without reservation, World Next Door, its representatives, employees or agents to contact and obtain information from all references (personal and professional) and to otherwise verify the accuracy of all information provided by me in this application.

Signature of Applicant:

Date (mm/dd/yy):

Along with emailing the digital copy of this application to internships@worldnextdoor.org, please mail the signed hard copy of this page (the applicant agreement) with your signature to:

*World Next Door
720 Willowbrook Dr
Fishers, IN 46038.*

That's it... You did it!

Congratulations on finishing this application! It may have been a lot of work, but think of it this way... if you are accepted to this internship; you will be part of a ground-breaking new initiative that has the potential to radically change the way suburban people interact with the poor and marginalized of the world!

As a reminder, **your application is due February 15th, 2010**. Please attach it to an email along with all three writing assignments. Also, please mail a signed hard copy of the previous page (with the applicant agreement) to the address listed on that page.

Now, just so you know what to expect, here are the next steps in the application process.

First, we are going to review all of the submitted applications. We really will read everything you wrote! If everything looks good, we'll call your references. From there, we will move on to "Phase 2" of the application process... Interviews.

Essentially, we want to meet with you face-to-face (or via Skype if you are out of town) and talk a little bit more in depth about what participation in the internship might look like for you.

Finally, if you *are* chosen for the internship, we will begin the training and fund-raising process. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to write or call.

Thanks again for applying!

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