J-1 Work and Travel DS-160 Sample for a Romanian Student

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See how a fictional university student from Romania on a Work and Travel summer answered the DS-160, including his SEVIS ID, the program number from his DS-2019 and his summer employer in Ocean City as his contact. Know what the form asks before you start your own.

This is a fictional example for educational purposes, not an official or pre-approved application. Your DS-160 answers must reflect your own circumstances. Do not copy the sample answers unless they are independently true for you.

Before you start: information you'll want ready

The form will ask for

- Your passport
- Your DS-2019, for the SEVIS ID and the program number
- Your job offer, for the employer's address, phone and a named contact
- The address of your housing during the program
- Your CNP, from your identity card
- Last summer's job, with dates, the address and your supervisor's name

Helpful to have nearby

- Your enrolment certificate, for your university's address and start date
- Your high school's address and dates
- Your social media usernames from the last five years
- A recent photo that meets the U.S. visa photo rules

Questions applicants commonly get stuck on

How this fictional applicant answered, why, and what to check for your own form. Answer for your own situation, which may differ.

19.1	SEVIS ID	N0041738265
19.2	*Exchange Visitor Program*	
	Program Number	P-3-07481
	Do you intend to study in the U.S.?	No

Why Andrei Mihai takes two numbers from his DS-2019: the SEVIS ID, starting with N, is his own record, and the program number, starting with P, is his sponsor's program. His summer job has no classes, so he answers No to studying.

For your application Check which number is which on your DS-2019 before you type them. Copy the hyphens in the program number as printed.

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	
	Surnames	MILLER
	Given Names	DANA
	Organization Name	
	Organization Name	BOARDWALK SEAFOOD HOUSE LLC
8.2	Relationship To You	EMPLOYER
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	1201 ATLANTIC AVE
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
	City	OCEAN CITY
	State	MARYLAND
	ZIP Code (if known)	21842
	Phone Number	4105550121
	Email Address	DANA.MILLER@EXAMPLE.COM

Why His contact is Dana Miller at Boardwalk Seafood House, the restaurant that hired him, with Employer as the relationship and the restaurant's own address.
For your application Give the employer's work address and a named person from your job offer. Your housing address goes on the travel page.

3.3 *Address where you will stay in the U.S.*

Address Line 1	305 DORCHESTER ST APT 2
Address Line 2	*Not answered*
City	OCEAN CITY
State	MARYLAND
Zip Code	21842
Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	SELF

Why He will live in an apartment on Dorchester Street, not at the restaurant. He pays for the trip himself, so he chooses Self.
For your application Use the housing address your employer or sponsor has confirmed. If your housing is not arranged yet, check with your sponsor before you fill this in.

11.1 Were you previously employed? Yes

Employer/Employment Information:

Employer Name	LITORAL HOSPITALITY SRL
Employer Address	
Employer Street Address (Line 1)	BD MAMAIA NR 312
Employer Street Address (Line 2)	STATIUNEA MAMAIA
City/Town	CONSTANTA
State/Province	CONSTANTA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	900001
Country	ROMANIA
Employer Telephone Number	40241555163
Job Title	RECEPTIONIST
Supervisor's Surname	STAN
Supervisor's Given Names	CRISTINA
Employment Date From	July 1, 2026
Employment Date To	August 31, 2026
Briefly describe your duties	SUMMER JOB AT A SEASIDE HOTEL; CHECKED GUESTS IN AND OUT AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH AND ROMANIAN

Why He worked as a receptionist at a hotel in Mamaia last summer, so he answers Yes and gives the hotel, his supervisor Cristina Stan and the dates.
For your application Seasonal and summer jobs count. Take the dates from your contract or pay slips rather than from memory.

18.1 *Additional Point of Contact Information*

(1)

Surnames	IONESCU
Given Names	ADRIANA
Street Address Line 1	PIATA ROMANA NR 6
Street Address Line 2	FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND TOURISM
City	BUCURESTI
State/Province	BUCURESTI
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	010374
Country/Region	ROMANIA
Telephone Number	40215550109
Email Address	ADRIANA.IONESCU@EXAMPLE.RO

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Surnames	STAN
Given Names	CRISTINA
Street Address Line 1	BD MAMAIA NR 312
Street Address Line 2	STATIUNEA MAMAIA
City	CONSTANTA
State/Province	CONSTANTA

Postal Zone/ZIP Code	900001
Country/Region	ROMANIA
Telephone Number	40241555163
Email Address	CRISTINA.STAN@EXAMPLE.RO

Why He lists Adriana Ionescu from his faculty and Cristina Stan, his supervisor from that summer job, so each can confirm a different part of his form.
For your application Choose at least two people in your home country who know you and are not relatives. Check that their phones and emails still work.

10.1	Primary Occupation	STUDENT
	Present Employer or School Information	
	Present Employer or School Name	BUCHAREST UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES
	Present Employer or School Address	
	Street Address (Line 1)	PIATA ROMANA NR 6
	Street Address (Line 2)	SECTOR 1
	City	BUCURESTI
	State/Province	BUCURESTI
	Postal Zone / ZIP Code	010374
	Country / Region	ROMANIA
	Phone Number	40215550100
	Start Date	October 1, 2025
	Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	*Does not apply*
	Briefly describe your duties	SECOND-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND TOURISM

Why Andrei Mihai is a second-year student, so he chooses Student, names his university and gives no income.
For your application Use the date you started your current degree and the university's main address. Your enrolment certificate has both.

5.4	Have you ever been denied travel authorization by the Department of Homeland Security through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)?	No

Why He has never been refused an ESTA, so this is No.
For your application Answer Yes only if an ESTA application of yours was refused. Never having applied is not a refusal.

Common questions about this example

Can I travel on ESTA instead of a J-1 visa?
No. ESTA covers short tourist and business visits for citizens of Visa Waiver Program countries. Working on an exchange program needs a J-1 visa, which you apply for with a DS-160.

Is the program number the same as my SEVIS ID?
No. The SEVIS ID, starting with N, is your own record. The program number identifies your sponsor's exchange program and is the same for everyone on it. Both are printed on your DS-2019.

Do I list last summer's job?
Yes. The form asks whether you were previously employed, and a summer job counts. Andrei Mihai lists his hotel job in Mamaia with the dates and his supervisor.

Can I give my employer's address as where I will stay?
Only if you will live there. Andrei Mihai gives his apartment's address on the travel page and the restaurant's address for his U.S. contact.

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1	Surname	DUMITRESCU
1.2	Given Names	ANDREI MIHAI
1.3	Full Name in Native Alphabet	*Does Not Apply/Technology Not Available*
1.4	Have you ever used other names (i.e., maiden, religious, professional, alias, etc.)?	No
1.5	Do you have a telecode that represents your name?	No
1.6	Sex	MALE
1.7	Marital Status	SINGLE
1.8	Date of Birth	March 14, 2005
1.9	City of Birth	BRASOV
1.10	State/Province of Birth	BRASOV
1.11	Country/Region of Birth	ROMANIA

2 Personal Information - Part 2

2.1	Country/Region of Origin (Nationality)	ROMANIA
2.2	Do you hold or have you held any nationality other than the one indicated above on nationality?	No
2.3	Are you a permanent resident of a country/region other than your country/ region of origin (nationality) indicated above?	No
2.4	National Identification Number	5050314080014
2.5	U.S. Social Security Number	*Does Not Apply*
2.6	U.S. Taxpayer ID Number	*Does Not Apply*

3 Purpose of Visa

3.1	*Purpose of Visit*	
	Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	EXCHANGE VISITOR (J)
	Specify Visa	EXCHANGE VISITOR (J1)
3.2	Have you made specific travel plans?	No
	Please provide an explanation of your travel plans.	
	Arrival Date	June 20, 2027
	Intended length of stay in the U.S.	4
	Time period	MONTH(S)
3.3	*Address where you will stay in the U.S.*	
	Address Line 1	305 DORCHESTER ST APT 2
	Address Line 2	*Not answered*
	City	OCEAN CITY
	State	MARYLAND
	Zip Code	21842
	Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	SELF

4 Travel Companions

4.1	Are there other persons traveling with you?	No

5 Previous U.S. Travel History

5.1	Have you ever been in the U.S.?	No
5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	No
5.3	Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, or been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the port of entry?	No
5.4	Have you ever been denied travel authorization by the Department of Homeland Security through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)?	No
5.5	Has anyone ever filed an immigrant petition on your behalf with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services?	No

6 Address and Phone Details

6.1	*Home Address*	
	Street Address (Line 1)	BD UNIRII NR 45 BL E3 SC 2 AP 38
	Street Address (Line 2)	SECTOR 3
	City	BUCURESTI
	State/Province	BUCURESTI
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	030825
	Country/Region	ROMANIA
6.2	Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?	Yes
6.3	*Phone*	
	Primary Phone Number	40722555147
	Secondary Phone Number	*Does not apply*
	Work Phone Number	*Does not apply*
6.4	Have you used any other phone numbers in the last five years?	No
6.5	Email Address	ANDREI.DUMITRESCU@EXAMPLE.COM
6.6	Have you used any other email addresses in the last five years?	No

6.7 *Social Media*

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
INSTAGRAM	HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/ANDREI.DUMITRESCU.BV/

6.8	Do you wish to provide information about your presence on any other websites or applications you have used within the last five years to create or share content (photos, videos, status updates, etc.)?	No

7 Passport Information

7.1	Passport/Travel Document Type	REGULAR
7.2	Passport/Travel Document Number	058213476
7.3	Passport Book Number	*Does not apply*
7.4	Country/Authority that Issued Passport/ Travel Document	ROMANIA
7.5	*Where was the Passport/Travel Document Issued?*	
	City	BUCURESTI
	State/Province *If shown on passport	BUCURESTI
	Country/Region	ROMANIA
	Issuance Date	May 12, 2026
	Expiration Date	May 12, 2036
7.6	Have you ever lost a passport or had one stolen?	No

8 US Contact Information

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	
	Surnames	MILLER
	Given Names	DANA
	Organization Name	
	Organization Name	BOARDWALK SEAFOOD HOUSE LLC
8.2	Relationship To You	EMPLOYER
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	1201 ATLANTIC AVE
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
	City	OCEAN CITY
	State	MARYLAND
	ZIP Code (if known)	21842
	Phone Number	4105550121
	Email Address	DANA.MILLER@EXAMPLE.COM

9 Family Information

9.1	*Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	DUMITRESCU
	Given Names	MIHAI
	Date of Birth	February 2, 1976
	Is your father in the U.S.?	No
9.2	*Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	DUMITRESCU
	Given Names	ELENA
	Date of Birth	August 19, 1978
	Is your mother in the U.S.?	No
9.3	Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the United States?	No
	Do you have any other relatives in the United States?	No

10 Current Occupation

10.1	Primary Occupation	STUDENT

Present Employer or School Information	
Present Employer or School Name	BUCHAREST UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES
Present Employer or School Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	PIATA ROMANA NR 6
Street Address (Line 2)	SECTOR 1
City	BUCURESTI
State/Province	BUCURESTI
Postal Zone / ZIP Code	010374
Country / Region	ROMANIA
Phone Number	40215550100
Start Date	October 1, 2025
Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	*Does not apply*
Briefly describe your duties	SECOND-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND TOURISM

11 Previous Occupation

11.1 Were you previously employed?	Yes
Employer/Employment Information:	
Employer Name	LITORAL HOSPITALITY SRL
Employer Address	
Employer Street Address (Line 1)	BD MAMAIA NR 312
Employer Street Address (Line 2)	STATIUNEA MAMAIA
City/Town	CONSTANTA
State/Province	CONSTANTA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	900001
Country	ROMANIA
Employer Telephone Number	40241555163
Job Title	RECEPTIONIST
Supervisor's Surname	STAN
Supervisor's Given Names	CRISTINA
Employment Date From	July 1, 2026
Employment Date To	August 31, 2026
Briefly describe your duties	SUMMER JOB AT A SEASIDE HOTEL; CHECKED GUESTS IN AND OUT AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH AND ROMANIAN
11.2 Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?	Yes
Provide the following information on the educational institution(s) you have attended.	
Name of Institution	COLEGIUL NATIONAL ANDREI SAGUNA
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	STR GHEORGHE BARITIU NR 2
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	BRASOV
State/Province	BRASOV
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500025
Country	ROMANIA
Course of Study	MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
Date of Attendance From	September 13, 2021
Date of Attendance To	June 14, 2025

12 Additional Occupation Details

12.1 Do you belong to a clan or tribe?	No

12.2 *Provide a List of Languages You Speak*

Language Name
ROMANIAN
ENGLISH

12.3 Have you traveled to any countries/ regions within the last five years? Yes

Provide a List of Countries/Regions Visited

Country/Region
BULGARIA
ITALY

12.4 Have you belonged to, contributed to, or worked for any professional, social, or charitable organization? No

12.5 Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience? No

12.6 Have you ever served in the military? No

12.7 Have you ever served in, been a member of, or been involved with a paramilitary unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, or insurgent organization? No

13 Security Background - Part 1

13.1 Do you have a communicable disease of public health significance? (Communicable diseases of public significance include chancroid, gonorrhea, granuloma inguinale, infectious leprosy, lymphogranuloma venereum, infectious stage syphilis, active tuberculosis, and other diseases as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.) No

13.2 Do you have a mental or physical disorder that poses or is likely to pose a threat to the safety or welfare of yourself or others? No

13.3 Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict? No

14 Security Background - Part 2

14.1 Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action? No

14.2 Have you ever violated, or engaged in a conspiracy to violate, any law relating to controlled substances? No

14.3	Are you coming to the United States to engage in prostitution or unlawful commercialized vice or have you been engaged in prostitution or procuring prostitutes within the past 10 years?	No
14.4	Have you ever been involved in, or do you seek to engage in, money laundering?	No
14.5	Have you ever committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
14.6	Have you ever knowingly aided, abetted, assisted or colluded with an individual who has committed, or conspired to commit a severe human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
14.7	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States and have you within the last five years, knowingly benefited from the trafficking activities?	No

15 Security Background - Part 3

15.1	Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?	No
15.2	Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?	No
15.3	Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?	No
15.4	Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?	No
15.5	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has engaged in terrorist activity, including providing financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations, in the last five years?	No
15.6	Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?	No
15.7	Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in torture?	No

15.8	Have you committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?	No
15.9	Have you ever engaged in the recruitment or the use of child soldiers?	No
15.10	Have you, while serving as a government official, been responsible for or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom?	No
15.11	Have you ever been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of population controls forcing a woman to undergo an abortion against her free choice or a man or a woman to undergo sterilization against his or her free will?	No
15.12	Have you ever been directly involved in the coercive transplantation of human organs or bodily tissue?	No

16 Security Background - Part 4

16.1	Have you ever been the subject of a removal or deportation hearing?	No
16.2	Have you ever sought to obtain or assist others to obtain a visa, entry into the United States, or any other United States immigration benefit by fraud or willful misrepresentation or other unlawful means?	No
16.3	Have you failed to attend a hearing on removability or inadmissibility within the last five years?	No
16.4	Have you ever been unlawfully present, overstayed the amount of time granted by an immigration official or otherwise violated the terms of a U.S. visa?	No
16.5	Have you ever been removed or deported from any country?	No

17 Security Background - Part 5

17.1	Have you ever withheld custody of a U.S. citizen child outside the United States from a person granted legal custody by a U.S. court?	No
17.2	Have you voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation?	No
17.3	Have you ever renounced United States citizenship for the purposes of avoiding taxation?	No
17.4	Are you a former exchange visitor (J) who has not yet fulfilled the two-year foreign residence requirement?	No

17.5	Have you attended a public elementary school on student (F) status or a public secondary school after November 30, 1996 without reimbursing the school?	No

18 Student Visa Details - Part 1

18.1 *Additional Point of Contact Information*

(1)

Surnames	IONESCU
Given Names	ADRIANA
Street Address Line 1	PIATA ROMANA NR 6
Street Address Line 2	FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND TOURISM
City	BUCURESTI
State/Province	BUCURESTI
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	010374
Country/Region	ROMANIA
Telephone Number	40215550109
Email Address	ADRIANA.IONESCU@EXAMPLE.RO

(2)

Surnames	STAN
Given Names	CRISTINA
Street Address Line 1	BD MAMAIA NR 312
Street Address Line 2	STATIUNEA MAMAIA
City	CONSTANTA
State/Province	CONSTANTA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	900001
Country/Region	ROMANIA
Telephone Number	40241555163
Email Address	CRISTINA.STAN@EXAMPLE.RO

19 Student Visa Details - Part 2

19.1	SEVIS ID	N0041738265
19.2	*Exchange Visitor Program*	
	Program Number	P-3-07481
	Do you intend to study in the U.S.?	No

20 Preparer of Application

20.1	Did anyone assist you in filling out this application?	No

Ready to fill in your own?

Answer the questions in plain language and save as you go. DS160.io then fills in your DS-160 on the official site for you. Filing is free for individuals.

Start my DS-160 for free
www.ds160.io/individuals

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www.ds160.io/immigration-firms