



# 2010 Gdynia Business Week Student Advisor Application

- August 20-26, 2010
- Gdynia, Poland



2009 Gdynia Business Week Student Advisors

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a student advisor for Washington Business Week's program in Gdynia, Poland. Since Business Week was created by AWB in 1976, over 50,000 students have experienced the in-depth, hands on experience in business, teamwork, free enterprise and career exploration. This program will include: One hundred Polish high school students, eleven business volunteers from the US, ten American high school students, and 2-3 Business Week and Seattle-Gdynia Sister City staff.

Each summer, more than 3000 students spend a full week at a Business Week Program. Student volunteers gain valuable business experience while enhancing their leadership, communication and group facilitation skills. The students that accompany us to Poland will come back with new ideas, stronger leadership and management skills, and a global perspective that will infuse new motivation into their daily work.

Travel Dates: Depart Seattle approximately August 17, 2010.  
Return to Seattle approximately August 27/28, 2010.

**For more information, please contact Janice Jaworski at the  
Business Week office:  
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# Gdynia Poland Business Week 2010 Student Information

## WBW and Poland

Through a five-year partnership with the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Organization, a handful of students from Poland have attended WBW Summer Programs each year. The Polish students shared their experience and enthusiasm with educators and government officials upon their return to Poland. In 2008, a formal request was issued from the Gdynia Mayor's office inviting WBW to Poland. The 2009 Gdynia Business Week Program was a huge success.

## Benefits Of Bringing WBW To Poland

This is an amazing opportunity for all involved. Given our regions importance in the global economy (we are number #1 nationally for exports per capita), students, volunteers and business partners have a unique opportunity to practice diplomacy, educate others about free enterprise, and form new personal and professional relationships abroad. The Polish students and educators who participate learn about the practice of capitalism beyond theory. They view this collaboration as sharing America's long history of free enterprise and democracy with their region, and want to establish a long term relationship with Washington Business Week and the sponsoring corporations.

## What will you be doing?

As a Student Advisor for Gdynia Business Week, you will enjoy one of the best professional/personal growth experiences of your life by joining a group of 8-12 English-speaking Polish high school students in our program.

Throughout the week, students will be working their way through our BizSim business simulation, addressing everything from daily HR issues to project based work under a tight deadline. As a Student Advisor, you will be a company member and your challenge is to encourage the other students to take the lead, share your experience and help answer questions along the way.

## How do I become a volunteer?

Complete the application with the required signatures and mail or fax back. We ask that Student Advisors have attended at least one Business Week program.

## Application Process:

Selection into the Gdynia Business Week Program is through an application and interview process. A selection committee will determine which student applicants will be invited to participate. Applicants will be called for a brief phone interview. Upon acceptance, a welcome letter will be mailed.

## Successful volunteers demonstrate:

- A sincere desire to help fellow students reach their potential.
- An interest in learning more about the free enterprise system.
- A desire to meet new people and have fun.
- Flexibility and a sense of humor.

## What will be required of volunteers?

- A full 12-day commitment (including travel). Depart Seattle on August 17, unless travelling with a parent; return August 27/28.
- 100% willingness to participate and assist students in developing a better understanding of the free enterprise system.
- Compliance with all rules and policies.

## Student Advisor Preparation

Student Advisors *and their parents* will be required to attend up to three program planning meetings in the greater Seattle area to work on parts of the curriculum and to provide specific information about the week, including what to pack. These meetings are typically held on Saturdays.

## Budget for Gdynia Business Week

- Corporate and Gdynia sponsors are paying the program & material costs, lodging, and food for the program volunteers during the week.
- Miscellaneous expenses: \$ amount is up to you
- Lodging during the program will be provided by the City of Gdynia.
- Transportation: Each U.S. Student Advisor will pay (or raise) approximately \$2,000 to cover their airfare and ground transportation expenses. WBW will work with you to make travel arrangements.

## Other Facts for Student Advisors:

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks are provided each day.
- Program attire will be addressed at a planning meeting.
- We are working on social and cultural activities to take place during the week.

## Cancellations

If you must cancel for any reason, please notify us as soon as possible.

## QUESTIONS?

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**Gdynia Business Week**  
 Student Advisor Application  
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**Poland**  
**2010**

**Student Information**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female  
 Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Academic grade you will complete in June 2010:  
 Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
 T-Shirt Size:  Sm  Med  LG  XL  2XL  3XL Activities:  DECA  FBLA  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Employment (if unemployed, leave blank) \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Week Experience**

We ask that Student Advisors have attended at least one Business Week program.

**First year Washington Business Week program information:**

Pathway: \_\_\_\_\_ University: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Week, Healthcare, Construction, Accounting) (PLU, GU, CWU, WWU)  
 Name of Company Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  I was CEO of my company

**Second year Washington Business Week program information:**

Pathway: \_\_\_\_\_ University: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Week, Healthcare, Construction, Accounting) (PLU, GU, CWU, WWU)  
 Name of Company Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  I was CEO of my company

**Parent and Student Signatures - REQUIRED**

If accepted, I agree to make a sincere effort to push myself and grow during the week.

I give my support and express permission for my student to attend Gdynia Business Week.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME PRINTED \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME PRINTED \_\_\_\_\_

*Gdynia Business Week is a program of The Foundation for Private Enterprise Education.*

*We admit participants of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, and activities sponsored by the organization. The Foundation does not discriminate in the administration of its educational scholarship policies and strives to provide every student full opportunity of participation in all scheduled activities.*

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Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

## Please complete the application below

1. **CA Recommendation:** We require a letter of recommendation from your 2009 Company Advisor. Please have the CA mail or email that letter directly to us with your name included in the letter. If you need your CA's contact information, email: [registrar@wbw.org](mailto:registrar@wbw.org) or contact Alisa Johnson at 253-815-6900.

Date I requested my CA send a letter of recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Three words** that describe me are: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Essay:** In 300 words or less, tell us why you want to go to Gydnia with Business Week as well as the skills/talents that you would bring to the team. Please type your response below or attach a separate sheet with your name on the top. You may want to tell us:
- what you expect to learn from participating in this program;
  - why you want to participate in this program;
  - why we should select you to participate in this program;
  - what qualities or characteristics you feel you contribute to a team or group; *and/or*
  - any leadership experience you have.

## Return Application To Business Week Office

Please know that we **cannot** process your application until we have received this **completed questionnaire, your essay, and the letter of recommendation** from your Company Advisor.

**You can email this form to or send it by mail.**

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