

AMIGOS MARIN CHAPTER
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - EARLY DECISION

If you apply for financial aid by November 1st, we will give you a decision by November 15th.

This can make your financial planning for the entire year easier

Financial assistance funds apply toward the Family Payment only. Financial assistance applicants are expected to complete the fund-raising goal as well as meeting all training obligations and attendance requirements. It is also requested that the family contribute a payment in an amount to be determined with the Chapter Treasurer. Families must be in good standing.

Financial Awards are based on financial need and available funds. The Marin Chapter does not limit financial assistance awards, but applies standards determined by our Board. We ask that all vols make at least a \$750 payment (that may be paid over several months) Awards are rarely over \$2000. Awards are sometimes combined awards made by the Marin Chapter as well as the International Office in Houston.

To apply for financial assistance and an early determination, **please complete this application and include a copy of your 2010 federal tax return. ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.**

Please contact Kate Sargent, board Treasurer if you have any questions

Your estimated financial assistance need: \$_____

If your family has any special circumstances that you think we should know about when considering this application for financial assistance, please attach an explanation.

Volunteer name _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____ email: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Signature _____ Date _____ email: _____

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Signature _____ Date _____ email: _____

Bring this form to the parent volunteer meeting on October 11th or mail by November 1 to:

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(415) 457-5283
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How to Qualify For Financial Assistance

Marin Amigos is dedicated to sending well qualified volunteers to our Latin American programs regardless of financial circumstances. Together with the Amigos International Office in Houston (IO), we provide financial aid to volunteers with established need.

Marin Amigos will give financial aid applicants the earliest possible decision date in order to provide the security of knowing how to plan for the entire year. For early decision, you must apply by November 1st. We expect to give you a commitment no later than November 15th.

Financial assistance is based on both financial need as well as commitment to the AMIGOS program. Volunteers are expected to display a high standard of performance in training, to maintain an excellent attendance record, and to fulfill all fund-raising requirements. Meeting due dates is an important part of a good record. The Board of Directors of the Marin County Chapter will evaluate your performance. A volunteer who does not maintain this commitment may have their award reduced or withdrawn.

Your income tax return is necessary to establish financial need. Both parents must submit a tax return if parents are divorced but have dual financial custody. If not, a copy of the legal documentation stating full financial custody of one parent is required. You are not eligible for a scholarship until the tax return(s) is submitted.

This Financial Assistance application is submitted separately from other parts of the application. All information will remain confidential.

Note: There is an additional scholarship not to exceed \$500, offered by the Amigos International Office (IO) for families who meet the criteria for financial assistance. To apply for this scholarship, a separate International Office Financial Assistance Application must be submitted to IO no later than January 13, 2012. The eligibility requirements for this scholarship and application will be on our Chapter website by early November. The Marin Chapter Board of Directors makes every effort to assist eligible families through the application process.

All financial aid recipients, as a condition of accepting financial aid, are expected to write a letter when they are at their project next summer. This letter will be used as a thank you to both IO and to the organizations that make generous grants to our chapter that enable funding of financial aid.

Your goal is to be the best Amigos volunteer you can be. We are committed to sending every determined, dedicated volunteer in the field. Good Luck!

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