



Financial Assistance (Optional)

Note: Amigos de las Américas actively recruits and supports Volunteers from all socio-economic backgrounds. All Volunteers who have been accepted into the program and who meet certain criteria may apply for financial assistance to reduce participation costs. In order to be considered, the financial assistance application must be completed in full, accompanied by a copy of the Volunteer's or custodial parents'/legal guardian's most recent IRS tax return, and signed by the Volunteer and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian.

Financial Assistance Deadlines:

Chapter Volunteer applications must be postmarked by January 13, 2012
Chapter Volunteers will receive award notification by February 17, 2012

Correspondent Volunteer (CV) applications must be received by April 2, 2012
Correspondent Volunteers (CVs) will receive award notification by April 15, 2012

Financial Assistance

Amigos de las Américas seeks to make the AMIGOS Service Program experiences possible to a diverse array of youth. Depending on the availability of funds and the applicant's eligibility and need, the International Office of AMIGOS may award individual applicants financial assistance. Generally awards do not exceed \$500.

Criteria for selection are:

1. Determination to participate in the AMIGOS program
2. Proven interest in leadership development and service
3. Acceptable level of Spanish/Portuguese proficiency
4. Gross family income of \$65,000 or less (Incomes greater than \$65,000 may be considered if there are extenuating financial circumstances that would prevent participation in the AMIGOS program without financial assistance.)
5. Submission of the most recent IRS Tax Return verifying the gross family income.

AMIGOS Veteran Discounts

The purpose of this discount is to reward veteran Volunteers for the experience they bring to the program. A \$350 Veteran Discount is automatically awarded to returning Volunteers by the International Office. No application is necessary. Veteran Discounts may be supplemented with other International Office financial assistance.

All financial assistance recipients are encouraged to give voluntary service either in recruiting Volunteers or assisting with training during the academic year following their participation in the AMIGOS program.



Financial Assistance Application (Optional)

All Volunteers accepted into the AMIGOS program who meet the stated criteria are eligible to apply for financial assistance. In order to be considered, this application must be completed in full, be accompanied by a copy of the most recent IRS tax return of the person(s) claiming the Volunteer as a dependent (if the Volunteer is not a dependent, then his/her most recent IRS tax return must be submitted), and be signed by all parties, regardless of the applicant's age.

Name: _____

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CV Chapter: _____ AMIGOS Veteran: Yes No

Annual Gross Family Income: \$ _____

Do your custodial parents/legal guardians claim you as a dependent for tax purposes? Yes No

If yes, attach a copy of **their** most recent IRS Income Tax Return.
If not, attach a copy of **your** most recent IRS Income Tax Return.

How many dependents do your parents/legal guardians claim for tax purposes? _____

Select your race/ethnicity?

White/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/>	Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/>	Native American <input type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/>	Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-Ethnic <input type="checkbox"/>
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to Answer <input type="checkbox"/>	

To the best of my knowledge, all information on this form is complete and accurate:

Signature of Volunteer: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Are there any special circumstances, financial or otherwise, that we should consider in reviewing your application for financial assistance?