



Seattle Chapter Interviews: 2017-2018 Parent Handout

- **Eligibility**
 - 16 years old on or before Dec 31, 2018
 - Completion of at least 2 years of high school Spanish or speak at an equivalent level
 - Valid passport with expiration date no earlier than Jan. 1, 2019
 - Able to perform major life activities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

- **Family Fees**
 - Total family fee is \$4000 payable in six installments beginning in December.
 - Total cost to the Seattle chapter to send a participant to Latin America is \$7000. The balance is made up in fundraising.

- **Financial Assistance**
 - Financial Assistance is available based on income and family size.
 - Financial Assistance applications are due by **Nov 15th**
 - Acceptance or decline of participant into program is not based on financial need.

- **Fundraising**
 - As a group, the Seattle chapter needs to fundraise an average of \$3000 per participant.
 - Our chapter plans a variety of fundraisers including (1) a citrus product sale in November, (2) an online campaign starting in January, (3) coffee product sale in March, and (4) an individual fundraising project.
 - Participants should sell at least 15 cases of oranges or grapefruit in November.
 - Participants will receive training and will be expected to request donations from at least 100 donors. A list of 100 email addresses is due by **Jan 7, 2018**.
 - A coffee sale will be held in March for participants who did not sell 15 cases of citrus.
 - Each participant is expected to plan and execute an individual fundraising event which raises \$350
 - Fundraising does require time outside the training hours.
 - Full participation by participants is required and poor participation in fundraising can be grounds for dismissal

- **Application Process**
 - Apply online at <http://seattle.amigosinternational.org/>
 - Priority applications are due by Oct 31, 2017. Applications will be accepted until Dec 10, 2017.
 - Acceptance or Decline letters interviews will be emailed within a week of the interview.
 - Additional registration tasks will be required after acceptance into the program. Participants will be required to have a physical and a passport by Feb 1, 2018.

- **Training and Parent Meetings**
 - See **Calendar** at seattle.amigosinternational.org
 - Parents are required to attend three meeting and the Despedida
 - Participants are required to attend all trainings, 3 retreats, and fundraising activities.
 - Participants will be responsible for picking up their citrus in South Seattle on Saturday Dec 9

- **Parent Support**

Parents are expected to participate in all fundraising activities and support their participant in his/her efforts. In addition, each family is expected to contribute by signing up for Chapter support tasks such as cooking and/or picking up food for retreats, picking up the citrus from distributor, and organizing potlucks.

- **Amigos Standards of Conduct (see Handout)**
 - AMIGOS is a challenging program that requires a significant amount of responsibility from participants and requires a strict adherence to the Standards of Personal Conduct.
 - These standards have been developed to protect the health and safety of participants, project staff, and community partners involved in our program.
 - An infraction or disregard for the Standards of Personal Conduct may result in the participant's immediate dismissal and removal from the Program and immediate return to the United States at the parent's expense.

If you have additional questions please contact:

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