



**Seattle Chapter Amigos de las Americas
Financial Assistance Application
2017-2018**

The Seattle Chapter of Amigos de las Americas wants to encourage the participation of motivated youth who meet our participation requirements and who do not have the financial resources to cover the family fee. Thanks to local and national fundraising, applicants may apply for the limited funds that are available to reduce the financial burden of participation.

Financial Assistance awards are intended for families whose children would be unable to participate without financial assistance. Unfortunately, every eligible financial assistance applicant cannot be guaranteed an award.

Applicant Qualifications

1. Meet all participation requirements of the Seattle Chapter throughout the school year.
2. Display strong interest in leadership development and service learning.
3. Possess an acceptable level of Spanish proficiency.
4. Meet income level requirements.

SEATTLE AMIGOS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

- 1) Complete and sign the Amigos “Financial Assistance Application” (*below*). Note, this page is NOT optional for those wishing to apply for financial assistance.**
- 2) Make a copy of your family’s most recent IRS Income Tax return**
- 3) Submit all documents to the chapter by December 15, 2017.**
 - a) **If submitting by email, send signed scans to Treasurer@amigos-seattle.org**
 - b) **If submitting by U.S. mail, please send documents to: Seattle AMIGOS, PO Box 30129, Seattle, WA 98113-0129. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 10, 2017.**

Contact the Financial Assistance Coordinator, Janet Robinson, with any questions or concerns at treasurer@amigos-seattle.org or 206-290-4549

Seattle Chapter Veteran Discounts

The purpose of this discount is to reward veteran volunteers (who have participated in AMIGOS before) for the experience they bring to the program. A Veteran Volunteer Discount is awarded to returning Volunteers by both the National Office and the Seattle Chapter, totaling \$750. No application is necessary. Veteran Volunteers may apply for additional Seattle chapter financial awards by completing the application below.

Financial Guidelines

The Seattle Amigos Chapter uses a formula for determining award eligibility, based on Housing and Urban Development annual figures for median income.

The total program cost is \$7000 per volunteer.

The financial assistance award is to provide partial payment of the family portion of the program cost, referred to as the “family fee.” The standard family fee for the summer of 2018 is \$4000. Financial assistance awards may cover up to 90% of the family fee.

Each recipient of financial assistance will be required to participate fully in the group fundraising, which covers a significant portion of the program cost. While the average target per participant is \$3,000, participants will be held accountable for full participation in all fundraising activities, not for individual amount raised.

How do financial assistance awards work?

The Chapter President and Financial Assistance Coordinator screen all applications and make recommendations to the Seattle chapter board to vote on. The Treasurer will adjust family fees accordingly. The financial assistance applications and awards are confidential and are viewed by the President and Financial Assistance Coordinator only.

The exact amount of financial assistance will be based on income, county/city of residence, family size, number of eligible applicants, and available funding. Exceptional financial circumstances will also be considered, and should be documented as part of the application.

The Seattle Chapter will send e-mail notification letters to financial assistance recipients by December 22. At that time, recipients will also be informed of the pro-rated payment schedule.

The financial assistance amount represents **the combined award** of the National Office and the Seattle Chapter. If the applicant is awarded the Hispanic/Latino Youth Leadership Award (\$2,000) after receiving a financial assistance package from the Seattle Chapter, his/her Chapter award may decrease.

Please note that acceptance as a Seattle chapter volunteer is not contingent or impacted in any way by financial assistance application or award.



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All participants 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 Participant as a dependent (if the Participant 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: _____
First M.I. Last

Annual Gross Family Income: \$ _____

Do your parents/legal guardians claim you as a dependent for tax purposes?

- Yes-- attach a copy of **their** most recent IRS Income Tax Return
 No-- attach a copy of **your** most recent IRS Income Tax Return

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

Total household size: _____ Adults _____ Dependents

(If applicable) Annual Child Support: \$ _____

Is this amount reflected in Annual Gross Family Income? Yes No

Is there other income in household not reflected in IRS form?

If yes, \$ _____ Please attach documentation.

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

Signature of Participant: _____
Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____
Date

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Date

Please list any special circumstances, financial or otherwise, that we should consider in reviewing your application for financial assistance on the back of this page.