



## Seattle Chapter Interviews: 2019-2020 Parent Handout

- **Eligibility**
  - At least 15 years of age
  - 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, 2021
  - Able to perform major life activities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
  
- **Family Fees**
  - Total family fee is \$4,000 payable in six installments beginning in December.
  
- **Financial Assistance**
  - Financial assistance is available based on income and family size.
  - Priority financial assistance applications are due by **Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**; other will be considered on rolling basis
  - Acceptance or decline of participant into program is not based on financial need.
  
- **Fundraising**
  - It is a requirement that each volunteer participate fully in all fundraising activities. We approach fundraising as a group and aim to raise an average of \$3,000 per participant. Note that volunteers are not held to an individual dollar amount, but they are required to fully participate in supportive activities. Fundraising is built into and supported by training program.
  - Our chapter plans a variety of fundraisers including (1) product sales, citrus in November/December or coffee in April/May; (2) a direct ask letter writing, and online campaign starting in January; and (3) 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 12, 2019**.
    - On-going coffee sales (25 bags by March).
    - Each participant is also expected to plan and execute an individual fundraising event (generally targets \$250 per volunteer.)
  - Poor participation in fundraising can be grounds for dismissal.
  
- **Application Process**
  - Apply online at <http://seattle.amigosinternational.org/>
  - Priority applications are due by November 4, 2019. Final application deadline is December 9, 2019; acceptance letters will be emailed within a week of the interview.
  - Additional registration/documentation will be required after acceptance into the program. Important to note: participants will be required to have a physical and a passport by Feb 1, 2020.

- **Training and Parent Meetings**
  - See **Calendar** at [seattle.amigosinternational.org](http://seattle.amigosinternational.org)
  - Parents are required to attend three to four parent sessions, the good-bye send-off, or Despedida, and the welcome back gathering, the Bienvenida
  - Participants are required to attend all trainings, including two retreats, and participate fully in fundraising activities.
  - Participants will be responsible for picking up their citrus at Charlie's Produce in South Seattle on Saturday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Parent Support**

Parents are expected to participate in all fundraising activities and support their participant in his/her efforts. In addition, we ask that each family 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 contributing to 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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