

2017 American Pilgrims Michael Wyatt *Hospitalero(a)* Service Grant Program Description & Guidelines



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Purpose

The goal of the *Michael Wyatt Hospitalero(a) Service Grant* is to assist members of American Pilgrims to realize a volunteer experience in Spain and hence allow them to “give back” to the Camino. The \$500 grants are meant to partially fund members of American Pilgrims to travel from the U.S. to Spain in order to serve as volunteer *hospitaleros(as)* at a Camino *albergue* or in the Amigos Welcome Service Program within the *Oficina de Acogida al Peregrino* in Santiago de Compostela for a minimum of two weeks. This grant cycle, American Pilgrims will make up to 4 awards. **The *hospitalero(a)/amigo(a)* assignment will have to be completed in calendar years 2017 or 2018.**

The grant program is named after Reverend Michael Wyatt who served as Chair of the American Pilgrims Board of Directors from 2006 to 2008. His insightful, wise, enthusiastic and caring leadership was a key factor in American Pilgrims’ ability to blossom into a truly national organization. Michael passed away in July 2009.

Grant Criteria

The selection criteria for the grants include the following considerations.

- Grant applicants must be current members of American Pilgrims on the Camino.
- Financial need is a requirement for the grant so the applicant is required to address financial need in his/her application. (See the financial need section in the application.)
- In order to encourage new *hospitaleros(as)/amigos(as)*, first-time volunteers will have priority.
- Successful grant recipients who have not already been assigned an *albergue* in which they will volunteer will work with the coordinator of the American Pilgrims’ *hospitalero* training program, to ensure placement in an appropriate *albergue*.

Proposal Submission

The grant proposal application is on the next page. Proposals (including essay) must be either Microsoft Word or PDF files. (Non-electronic submission is possible if requested.)

Proposal Review

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee composed of American Pilgrims Board members and members at large. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board on which grants to fund. Final funding approval will be made by the American Pilgrims Board. The grant selection committee will attempt to have a diverse (across gender, ethnicity, geographic location, age, etc.) group of grant recipients each year.

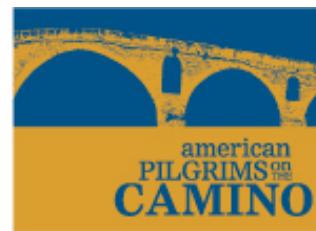
Funding and Post-Volunteer Responsibilities

The \$500 in funding for travel to Spain to volunteer in as an *hospitalero(a)/amigo(a)* will be provided to the volunteer after s/he returns from her/his assignment. The grant recipient must provide a letter/certificate from the *albergue* verifying his/her volunteer assignment. Upon return, recipients of the grant will be asked to submit a written account of the *hospitalero(a)/amigo(a)* experience; these accounts may be published in *La Concha* (quarterly American Pilgrims newsletter).

Questions & Inquiries

If you have questions or would like additional information about the American Pilgrims Grant Program, please send them via e-mail to grants@americanpilgrims.org.

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Applicant Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Hospitalero(a) Training and Previous Experience

- I have completed an *hospitalero(a)* training course.
List location and dates of course: _____
- I have not completed an *hospitalero(a)* training course but plan to do so.
List location and dates of course: _____
- I have served as an *hospitalero(a)* in the past. List the details of your previous experiences including *albergue* location and dates served:

- I have not served as an *hospitalero(a)* in the past.

Location of Service

- I have been assigned to serve in the following *albergue* on the following dates:

- I have been accepted to the Amigos Welcome Service Program and will serve on the following dates:

- I have not been assigned an *albergue* where I will serve, and would like assistance from American Pilgrims in placing me in an *albergue*. The dates on which I would like to serve are the following:

Statement of Financial Need

Briefly describe the financial need that makes it difficult for you to afford travel on your own to Spain to volunteer as an *hospitalero(a)/amigo(a)*; please limit your response on financial need to this textbox.

Statement of Purpose

On a separate sheet(s), please write an essay addressing the following:

- Previous Camino de Santiago experience including how the Camino has influenced your life.
- Any experiences/interactions with an *hospitalero(a)* that made an impression on you.
- Describe why you would like to serve as an *hospitalero(a)/amigo(a)* and how your volunteer work will allow you to “give back” to the Camino. Also describe how you believe that volunteering in this way will help you to grow and develop as a person.

Your essay should be double-spaced, written in 12-point font and cannot exceed 1,000 words. The document that you submit must be in Microsoft Word or PDF format.

Submission of Application

This application (in Microsoft Word or PDF format) and the essay must be submitted electronically as attached files to grants@americanpilgrims.org.