

# American Pilgrims on the Camino *Hospitalero(a)* Training Scholarship Description & Guidelines



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## Purpose

The goal of the American Pilgrims *Hospitalero(a)* Training Scholarship is to make financially feasible for members of American Pilgrims participation in one of the organization's *hospitalero(a)* trainings. The scholarship funds the registration fees for an American Pilgrims *hospitalero(a)* training. After participating in an *hospitalero(a)* training, you will be ready to volunteer in an *albergue* on the Camino de Santiago thus contributing to the pilgrimage's support and development.

## Grant Criteria

The selection criteria for the grants include the following considerations.

- Scholarship applicants must satisfy the requirements to take *hospitalero* training from American Pilgrims. The applicant:
  - must be a current member of American Pilgrims on the Camino,
  - must have walked at least 100 km (or cycled 200 km) on the Camino,
  - must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the training, and
  - must have overnighted in at least three non-private (municipally-, parochially- or association-run) *albergues* on the Camino.
- Financial need is a requirement for the scholarship so the applicant is required to address financial need in his/her application. (See the financial need section in the application.)
- Scholarship applicants will be required to address their specific plans, including planned timeline, for completing an *hospitalero(a)* training course and volunteering in an *albergue* in their application.

## Scholarship Application Submission

The scholarship application is on the next page. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and must be submitted electronically to [grants@americanpilgrims.org](mailto:grants@americanpilgrims.org) **at least 60 days prior to an American Pilgrims *hospitalero(a)* training.** Applications (including essay) must be either Microsoft Word or PDF files. (Non-electronic submission is possible if requested.)

## Scholarship Application Review

Scholarship applications 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 scholarship applicants to select; final selection will be made by the Board. The scholarship selection committee will attempt to have a diverse (across gender, ethnicity, geographic location, age, etc.) group of scholarship recipients.

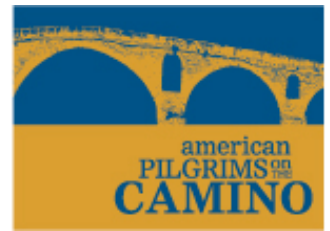
## Funding and Post-Volunteer Responsibilities

Notification of funding will be made no later than one month before the *hospitalero(a)* training. After the *hospitalero(a)* training, recipients of the scholarship will be asked to write a 100-word statement describing how the scholarship facilitated their participation in the training; this statement may be used in *La Concha*, the American Pilgrims newsletter.

## Questions & Inquiries

If you have questions or would like additional information, please send them via e-mail to [grants@americanpilgrims.org](mailto:grants@americanpilgrims.org).

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## Applicant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member of American Pilgrims on the Camino since (year): \_\_\_\_\_

## Previous Camino Experience (A requirement to receive the scholarship)

List the details of up to 2 previous Camino experiences:

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## Statement of Financial Need

Briefly describe the financial need that makes it difficult for you to afford registration fees for an American Pilgrims *hospitalero(a)* training; 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)* and how your volunteer work as an *hospitalero(a)* will allow you to “give back” to the Camino. Also describe how you believe that volunteering as an *hospitalero(a)* will help you to grow and develop as a person.
- Address in as much detail as possible when you envision serving as an *hospitalero(a)*; the more specific you can be with your timeline and plans, the better.

Your essay should be double-spaced, written in 12-point font and cannot exceed 800 words. The document that you submit needs to be in Microsoft Word or PDF format. (Non-electronic submission is possible if requested.)

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