



Financial Assistance (Optional)

Note: Amigos de las Américas actively recruits and supports Volunteers from all socio-economic backgrounds. All Volunteers who have been accepted into the program and who meet certain criteria may apply for financial assistance to reduce participation costs. In order to be considered, the financial assistance application must be completed in full, accompanied by a copy of the Volunteer's or custodial parents'/legal guardian's most recent IRS tax return, and signed by the Volunteer and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian.

Financial Assistance Deadlines:

Chapter Volunteer applications must be postmarked by January 14, 2011
Chapter Volunteers will receive award notification by February 13, 2011

Correspondent Volunteer (CV) applications must be received by April 2, 2011
Correspondent Volunteers (CVs) will receive award notification by April 15, 2011

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Amigos de las Américas seeks to make the AMIGOS Service Program experiences possible to a diverse array of youth. Depending on the availability of funds and the applicant's eligibility and need, the International Office of AMIGOS may award individual applicants financial assistance. Generally awards do not exceed \$500.

Criteria for selection are:

1. Determination to participate in the AMIGOS program
2. Proven interest in leadership development and service
3. Acceptable level of Spanish/Portuguese proficiency
4. Gross family income of \$65,000 or less (Incomes greater than \$65,000 may be considered if there are extenuating financial circumstances that would prevent participation in the AMIGOS program without financial assistance.)
5. Submission of the most recent IRS Tax Return verifying the gross family income.

AMIGOS Veteran Discounts

The purpose of this discount is to reward veteran Volunteers for the experience they bring to the program. A \$350 Veteran Discount is automatically awarded to returning Volunteers by the International Office. No application is necessary. Veteran Discounts may be supplemented with other International Office financial assistance.

All financial assistance recipients are encouraged to give voluntary service either in recruiting Volunteers or assisting with training during the academic year following their participation in the AMIGOS program.

