

2019-2020 American Pilgrims Michael Wyatt *Hospitalero* 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 grant is meant to partially fund members of American Pilgrims to travel from the U.S. to Spain in order to serve as volunteer *hospitaleros* at a Camino non-private *albergue* for a minimum of two weeks. This grant cycle, American Pilgrims will make 1 award. **The *hospitalero* assignment must be completed in calendar years 2019 or 2020.**

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 grant includes the following:

- Grant applicants must be members of American Pilgrims on the Camino at the time of application and at the time of service.
- Financial need.
- Only first-time volunteers are eligible.
- 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*.

Funding and Post-Volunteer Responsibilities

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

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.

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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2019-2020 American Pilgrims on the Camino Michael Wyatt *Hospitalero* Service Grant Application



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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 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*, please limit your response on financial need to this textbox.

Statement of Purpose

On a separate sheet(s), provide a double-spaced, 12-point font essay in Microsoft Word or PDF format. The essay may not exceed 1,000 words and should address the the following:

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

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.