 **Michael Wyatt Hospitalero Service Grant Program**

**Description & Guidelines**

**Purpose**

The goal of the *Michael Wyatt Hospitalero 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 grant in an amount up to $1,000 per person is meant to partially reimburse members of American Pilgrims for travel from the U.S. to Spain in order to serve as volunteer hospitaleros at a non-private albergue on the Camino with preference for an albergue within the Spanish Federation network for a minimum of two weeks. A limited amount of funds are available each year.

**The hospitalero assignment must be completed in the current or following calendar year in order to receive the reimbursement.** A certificate confirming service for the entire period must be obtained from the local manager of the albergue.

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:

* Membership in American Pilgrims on the Camino at the time of application and at the time of service.
* A statement describing financial need for support.
* Have not previously received a Michael Wyatt Hospitalero Service grant.
* A stated commitment to request assignment to an albergue within the Spanish Federation network or, if no assignment is available, to another non-private albergue on a Camino route in Spain approved by American Pilgrims*.*

**Funding and Post-Volunteer Responsibilities**

The funds to help support your volunteer service as an hospitalero will be provided to you as reimbursement in the amount of the award upon return from your assignment when you provide: the certificate signed by the local albergue management verifying completion of the volunteer assignment (the certificate form will be given to you when you are selected) and a copy of the receipts for transportation expenses. You may also be asked to submit a written account of your hospitalero experience, which may be published in La Concha*,* theAmerican Pilgrims quarterly publication.

**Questions & Inquiries**

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

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**Application**

americanpilgrims.org

**Applicant Information**

First Name: Last Name:

Email: Cell Phone:

Mailing Address:

**Hospitalero(a) Training and Previous Experience**

( ) I have completed an hospitalero(a)training course.

List location and date of the course:

( ) I have not completed an hospitalero(a)training course but have registered to do so.

List location and date of the course:

( ) I have served as an hospitalero(a)in the past. List the albergue location and dates served:

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

**Statement of Commitment to apply for Service in a Spanish Federation Albergue**

( ) I will apply to serve in a Spanish Federation Albergue during the following dates:

**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 to this textbox.

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**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 following:

* Previous Camino de Santiago experience including how the Caminohas influenced your life.
* Any experiences/interactions with an hospitalerowho made an impression on you.
* Describe why you would like to serve as an hospitaleroand how your volunteer work will allow you to “give back” to the Camino and to grow as a person.
* Describe what values, attributes and characteristics you possess that will make you an effective hospitalero who reflects the spirit of the Camino.

**Submission of Application**

This application (in Microsoft Word or Google Docs format) and the essay must be submitted electronically as attached files emailed to [hospitaleros@americanpilgrims.org](mailto:hospitaleros@americanpilgrims.org?subject=Michael%20Wyatt%20Service%20Grant%20Application).