

ANIMAS QUEST APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION

Hello! Many thanks for contacting us. I'm very glad to learn of your interest in apprenticing to the Animas Quest! I am sending you information about our Vision Quest Apprenticeship. Please contact us to find out which upcoming quests have openings for apprentices.

Also, please take a look at the Soulcraft Intensives and the Advanced Intensives that we offer, as we recommend these programs in addition to the Vision Quest Apprenticeship, for those planning to guide quests.

Please take a look at our website description of our Soulcraft Apprenticeship and Initiation Program (SAIP). Although it's not necessary to enroll in SAIP in order to apprentice to the Animas Quest, this will give you an idea of what we consider to be the most comprehensive training for those planning to guide soul-oriented, nature-based programs.

Costs for Animas Quest Apprenticeships are (*not including retreat center, camping, or food costs*):

- 1st Apprenticeship - \$1000
- 2nd Apprenticeship - \$850
- 3rd Apprenticeship - \$700

If you would like to apply for an Animas Quest apprentice position, please complete the [health questionnaire](#) on our website and include in your application responses to the following questions:

(1) Tell us about your most recent vision quest:

- **Who went out?**
- **What did you learn there?**
- **Who returned?**
- **What did you bring back for your people?**
- **Who *are* your people?**

(2) Please briefly describe your previous training and experience, if any, in each of these areas: rites of passage, other ritual, wilderness travel, first-aid, search and rescue, psychotherapy or counseling (as counselee as well as counselor), and spiritual discipline.

(3) Do you currently have a spiritual path? If so, please identify.

(4) Why are you interested in training as an Animas Quest guide at this point in your life?

(5) In what setting(s) do you see yourself using the skills you would develop through this training?

(6) What areas of focus (as listed in the VQ Apprenticeship or SAIP Brochure, both available on our [website](#)) are you most interested in? What do you hope to learn?

In addition, if you are new to Animas Valley Institute, please send us two or three references (names, email addresses and phone numbers) of people who know you well, including a vision quest guide if possible.

I hope your exploration of these questions is rewarding for you. Feel free to call or email the AVI office if you have questions about the Animas Quest apprenticeship or other AVI programs. Also, if it will be a while before you can respond to all of the above, and you want to be sure to reserve a place on our schedule, please let us know you are preparing a response and when you would like to participate.

Your application is complete after we receive your answers to the above questions, your health questionnaire, and a \$50 application fee (due only when applying for the first apprenticeship).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

Bill Plotkin

Please send your completed application to soulcraft@animas.org