



Fundraising Tips

Fundraising can be a fun and creative activity. If students engage in fundraising for some of their tuition, the experience can give them a sense of fulfillment. Schools have given their students the opportunity to raise funds to pay for their transportation to the campus and even pay the full tuition.

If performed on a wide scale, fundraising can increase the community's investment in students and schools.

Reusable Bag Sale

Reusable bags are a sustainable alternative to traditional fundraising merchandise

Students learn about the impact plastic bags have on the environment

The entire community learns about the benefits of using reusable bags

Reusable bag companies have established fundraising programs

A-thon

Trash-A-Thon: Students collect pledges of \$1 per bag of trash they pick up during a supervised community, school, or street-litter pick up.

Read-A-Thon: Students collect pledges based on how many books they have read during a time period.

Walk-A-Thon: Students are sponsored for miles trekked.

Community Yard Sale

Organize a yard sale in which students' family donates items to sell.

Promote the event ahead of time and say what the sale will benefit.

At the yard sale, put out a jar or basket for additional donations.

Auction

Consider a live or silent community auction.

Ask local businesses, artists, and artisans to contribute goods.

Advertise or list the auction in local papers.

Enlist service clubs for help, such as Rotary, Elks, or Lions.

Banquet

Students' families donate one dish for a potluck dinner.



Ask community center, service club, or church to donate space.

Include entertainment such as a local band.

Students can talk about why the outdoor education program is important for their education.

Coupon Book

Collect coupons from local businesses and put them together in a book made from recycled paper and cardboard.

Charge a price for book that gives buyers a savings on purchases.

Scholarship Letter

Teachers help students write a letter that requests financial help for their participation in the field science program

Letter can be sent to organizations, service clubs, parents, or other persons.

Other ideas

Make a request on [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org)

Bake sales

Ice cream social

Used book fair

Popcorn sales

Candy sales

Dance marathon

Singing Valentines

Donkey baseball

Bingo

Movie night

Chess tournament

Dog walk/pet sitting

Battle of the bands

Barbecue

Lottery/raffle