Personal Fundraising Ideas

Here are some things you can do to help yourself raise money between now and the final payment due date of April 15, 2020. Of course, we’ll try to do group fundraising, too!

**Crowdfunding.** Create your own GoFundMe page. Send the link to anyone you know. This is how you could collect the donations from many of the ideas below.

**A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned.** Just say “No” to that cup of coffee, snack, Red Bull, or whatever your personal weakness may be. But, take it a step further by putting that cash in a special place—a physical location where you can watch your savings grow, or put it into your own GoFundMe page. Each time you put a few dollars into your savings, you’ll know you’re taking a step closer to your goal!

You might even be able to get friends and family to join you in a “Give It Up” campaign... everyone sacrifices their favorite vice for a month, and sends all that savings to your trip account. $3 every other day for 10 months will earn you around $450!

**Ask for Gifts of Cash.** When your birthday, Christmas, or other similar events roll around, let all your friends and family know that what you’d really like is gift of cash towards trip. Show them the brochure, and tell them about the activities that we have planned. Let them know what this trip means to you.

**Throw a Dinner Party.** Design a menu, plans some fun activities for a group of people, and plan a dinner party at $25 a plate. Be up front that this is a way you’re trying to raise funds for a trip. Many people are willing to give to a cause like that, especially if there is food involved! The ideal situation is to ask for someone (parents?) to purchase/donate the food for you. This way, you have no expenses except for your time and energy! 10 dinner guests represent $250 toward your goal! Alternately, arrange a Trivia Night, Tie-Die party, or something similar.

**Do Yardwork, House-Cleaning, etc.** Offer your services to friends and neighbors. Perhaps you could clean that shed, rake the leaves, or stack firewood. Rather than getting paid in cash, ask them to send it to your GoFundMe page.

**Remember your Roots.** If you’re home for breaks, you might be able to work with your former high school music teachers and reconnect with that community. With a little advanced planning, perhaps you could set up a table and sell baked goods or something similar at the band, orchestra or choir concerts. Again, make a brief presentation about the trip to those folks who stop by. It’s also a great way to do outreach for the orchestra!

**Get a Job/Work Overtime.** You probably already have a summer or side job, probably to help pay tuition. If not, sign up for some part-time work. If you do have a job, ask about extra hours.

*If you have more ideas, please share them with your fellow orchestra members on Facebook or Instagram!*