

Fundraising Suggestions

Let your imagination and your energy guide you. Ultimately, how well you do at fundraising is mostly linked to how willing you are to put in the hours (or how much time you have).

This list of fundraising suggestions is not an exhaustive list:

1) Holiday and birthday monies

Perhaps one of the easiest ways to fundraise is to let your family and friends know you want cash gifts instead of purchased items. You might “dress up” your request a bit by creating an e-card that you send to those you wish will gift you cash.

2) Consider a crowd fund campaign.

This may be especially successful for those students involved with the Bali extension. You can explain that you wish to engage in service learning – giving back to the community.

Be sure to calculate the costs of these sites. If you request the donation be sent as a check or in cash, you save most of the fees.

3) Look for scholarships

There are often community scholarships available. Be careful as you look; some “scholarships” are simply discounts linked to agencies trying to solicit your study abroad participation.

4) Join with Elke Dinter’s German Study Abroad Bike-a-thon group in May.

Elke has invited all study abroad students to merge with her group (all monies you earn go to you). Each May Elke has a group of students go for a bike ride. Contact her soonest for details: GWH 226; 425.388.9465; edinter@everettcc.edu

5) Craft sale

If you, or some of your relatives, are skilled at crafts, consider this option. In the past, students have sold such items as home-made candles, blown glass, and hand-made earrings.

Cynthia Clarke, Study Abroad Indonesia coordinator, will need to reserve space on campus for you so plan ahead. She will fill out the paperwork, but any associated legwork is your responsibility.

Arrange at least 1 month ahead and think about holidays such as Valentine’s Day or Graduation when you plan what to make.

6) Garage sale

Got lots of clutter? Got relatives willing to let you clear out their storage? This may be a great way to earn money for a minimum of investment of money and time.

If some of the clothes items you collect are of particularly nice quality, consider a consignment shop first.

7) Food sales

Bake sales are known to be time-consuming and not very profitable. However, Cynthia Clarke, Study Abroad Indonesia coordinator, owns a snow-cone machine and a cotton candy machine. Cynthia also owns a set of candy sucker molds in the shape of the globe (perfect for study abroad theme). You could make sugar or chocolate suckers. Debe Franz has access to a popcorn machine.

Therefore, the initial costs are low. You will need Cynthia to reserve space on campus for you so plan ahead. She will fill out the paperwork, but any associated legwork is your responsibility.

Special consideration: You will need to have a current food handler's license and wear gloves when serving food. The cost of the license is about \$10 and can be obtained online:

<https://www.foodworkercard.wa.gov/language.htm>

8) Dog biscuit and cat treat sale

An alternative to the traditional bake sale would be to target pets. Making dog biscuits can be inexpensive and if you think creatively this could be a real hit. Cynthia Clarke has a cookbook and molds you could borrow.

Never use chocolate or raisins in the recipes you sale. No garlic or artificial sweeteners should ever be used. These ingredients are bad for pets. Cynthia grows catnip that you can use in the cat treats.

9) Basket of goodies raffle

If you have the community connections, or are willing to solicit donations, you could raffle a basket of items. You can promise to promote their store as a part of your efforts. A fun variant of the raffle is the "break a balloon" raffle where smaller prizes are stuffed in balloons and the participant picks a balloon.

Work with the EvCC Foundation Office to be sure you are not duplicating requests they make on behalf of the campus community. Contact person: Sharon Johnson, Olympus 227; 425.388.9948; sjohnson@everettcc.edu

There are state laws linked to this effort as it is considered a form of gambling, Cynthia Clarke is experiences with the procedures, so work with her before you proceed.

10) Yard work.

You could sell your time for yard work. In January, you could remove Christmas lights. In the spring, you could weed and clean the garage.

Be sure to make a list of tasks, as many "customers" may not think of these. Also, be willing to say no to any task you do not wish to perform; if you are afraid of heights, for instance, removal of Christmas lights may not be logical.