Fundraising Guide

If you are motivated there are many ways you can raise money, to help reduce the cost of your exchange program. We have put together a guide with tips and ideas of how you can raise money. Please ensure you talk to your parents and get parental consent before starting any fundraising.

Organise yourself and make a plan, work out how much you need to raise and manage your time to make the most out of your fundraising activities.

Food Stalls – set up a food stall at a local market, your school, at weekend sport events, in a busy park, near a beach or outside a shopping centre. Make sure you get permission first.

Sausage Sizzle – Lure people with the smell of sausages. Approach your local butcher and ask if they can sell you sausages at a discounted rate in return for mentioning their name at your event. Check out your nearest butcher for bulk buy opportunities.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser – Sell chocolates at school and to your community. Boxes can be purchased from https://www.fundraising.com.au/

Rotary and Lions Grants – Visit your local club as they can offer grants to students looking to push their boundaries by participating on an exchange program.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander affiliations – Find out more here: https://aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family

Local Business Sponsorship – Approach several local businesses and ask them to sponsor your exchange program. They may ask you to provide some work in return for their sponsorship and you will need a letter from us to prove you have been accepted on an exchange program.

Local Business Blog/Social Media Sponsorship – Approach a local business and find out if they would be interested in sponsoring you in return for their business logo and mention of their business in your blogs, Instagram and Facebook posts.


Fundraising Online – Ask your family and friends to help you use this site https://www.gofundraise.com.au/

Odd Jobs – Ask neighbours or people in your community if you can do some odd jobs in return from some money. These might be gardening, dog walking, cleaning windows, car washes, babysitting, general housework, ironing, mowing lawns, chores on a farm, tutoring…….
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Host an Event – Organise a themed event and charge an entry fee. You may also like to hold a raffle at your event, providing gift baskets as the prizes. Advertise the event around your area.

- **Movie Night** – Organise a movie night, sell tickets and food like popcorn and lollies.
- **Bingo Night** - Hold a Bingo night with the help of your parents, sell tickets and raise extra money with raffles and donated goods.
- **Trivia Night** - Hold a Trivia night with the help of your parents, sell tickets and raise extra money with raffles and donated goods.

Raffles – Run a raffle or a number of raffles. Present your raffle to local businesses and community groups to ask them to donate the prizes for free. Please ensure you check whether you require a license before running a raffle.


Garage Sale or Trade Me – Clear out all your unwanted clothes and belongings and sell them. Make some room at home, while making some cash to put towards your exchange.

Busking – Use your voice or musical talents to raise money. Ensure you obtain a license or permit if you are busking in public council areas.

Be sponsored – Enter yourself into a local bikeathon, marathon or local fun run and collect sponsorship money.

Apply for a part time job – Update your CV and apply for a job at your local supermarket or other stores.


More ideas - Other websites to check out and spark some ideas to raise more funds.

- [http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin374.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin374.shtml)
- [http://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/](http://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/)
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Competitions

Aussie Educator has a detailed list of all the competitions students can enter. They allow you to use your knowledge and skills to raise additional money to put towards your exchange – [Click here](http://www.zonta.org/Global-impact/Education/Young-women-in-Public-Affairs-Award)

Other Scholarships, grants and awards

Many other companies and organisation offer Scholarships which you may like to research, such as this:


For more information please phone 1300 135 331
email info@studentexchange.org.au or visit our website [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

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