

Other Funding Sources

Fundraising will help to make your program more affordable and serves to educate the public about study abroad.

If you select a program that helps achieve your long-term goals, it will be easier to solicit funds from external sources. Keep in mind that local, regional, and national groups, as well as individuals, are all possible contributors. They include:

- Heritage groups that have interests in specific countries (e.g. Japan America Society)
- Civic groups ([Rotary](#), [Kiwanis](#), and [Lions Clubs International](#))
- Agencies and foundations
- Travel agencies
- High school alumni associations
- Professional and business clubs
- Media (newspapers, radio, and TV)
- Sororities and fraternities (local and national chapters)
- Vocational rehabilitation agencies (for students with disabilities)
- Charitable, ethnic, religious and campus organizations
- Extended Family and Friends

Direct, informal appeals often work best. Be specific on how you intend to spend the funds (airfare, program fee, tuition, personal travel, special projects, etc.). Include a photo of yourself with your request so that the receiver will establish a personal connection with you. Make donating as easy as possible (cash, check, payment apps), so that you are more likely to get a donation rather than a promise to donate. Don't be afraid to follow up if you haven't received a response. Enthusiasm, creativity, and perseverance on your part - and not fearing rejection in some instances - will likely take you a long way. Remember every little bit helps! Keeping careful records of supporters and the amount donated is helpful. Remember to express appreciation for their support. Share highlights from your experience abroad when you return through a letter, photos, videos, a presentation etc. with those who have donated. Good luck!

Keys to successful fundraising: confidence and perseverance!

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