

Fundraising Ideas

Here are a few ways that many students have successfully raised the funds for their trip. It usually helps to let people know a little about the cause for the fundraising, so be prepared to explain about the trip and your interest in performing in Europe.

- Coupon Books are an excellent item to sell to neighbors, people at school/work, friends or family members. Unsold books can often be returned with no extra charge.
- Individual candy sales before or after school or during intermission at concerts. (You must check with your school first to check if candy sales are permitted.)
- If you are a member of a religious congregation consider asking them for possible ideas. There are many unique ideas, some youth groups have raised money through car washes. A performance during a religious service might be arranged so the members of the congregation learn more about your trip and musical talent. Also, your religious leader might know of someone in the congregation who would be interested in being a benefactor.
- You can hold a recital and either ask for a free will offering (best) or charge a small admission. Perhaps consider joining with other students from your school who are also traveling with AMA and do a recital together.
- Grandparents or other family members often enjoy contributing for such a worthy cause – once you tell them about it. Reach a greater audience by contacting family and friends through social media and emails and asking them to spread the word.
- In some areas local organizations (such as the Lion's Club, Rotary Club, VFW, American Legion, Kiawani, etc.) will have students come in and perform. After a performance, the students tell about their exciting trip and request some financial assistance. (Students then return to the organization after their trip to share pictures and stories about their life altering experience).
- Request donations from local businesses.
- Bake sales, Craft fairs, Car washes, Sub sales, Bottle drive, Raffles etc.
- Dinner (Ziti, Spaghetti, BBQ) and raffle before a musical concert or other times.
- Babysitting, mowing lawns, shoveling snow and other odd jobs.
- Fundraising websites (Note: American Music Abroad accepts not responsibility or liability for recommending these websites. They are given as ideas only.)
 - www.entertainment.com (Entertainment Coupon Books)
 - www.fundraising.com
 - www.americasfundraising.com
 - www.tkfundraising.com