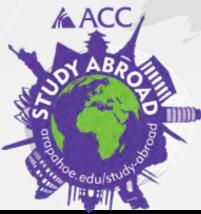
## How to raise money to go abroad!



#### Stay focused on achieving your goal!



#### 5 ways to help you afford going!

#### **Cutting Back!**

Sounds obvious but identifying what you can cutback on can make a BIG difference.

Example:

A morning stop at our local coffee shop 2x a week = 2 coffees a week at 4-5 each, for 1 year estimated 416 to 520 in savings.

Do you go out to lunch? Consider taking your lunch instead. 2 lunches a week at \$10 each, for 1 year estimates \$1040.

### **Start Saving!**

Every month take a portion of your earnings and the money you cut back on and set it aside for the trip!

Having a basic savings plan really works.

# Raise money with your TALENTS!

Sell art or special items on places like Etsy, Ebay, Facebook, etc.

Pre-sell your art from the trip.

Offer a class or tutoring, like Spanish or art for a group or individual.

Sell your unwanted items online or find a consignment retailer.

Do yard work, shovel snow or help your neighbors for a fee.

### **Personal Fundraising**

EF has a "TripFunder" to help you fundraise. Send your personal link to family and friends and ask for donations.

There are no fees to you or your donor.

"Tell your story", explain how this will benefit your education and career.

Network, Network, Network!

### **Tell Your Story**

- Tell them about your educational goals and degree.
- Tell them about the class you will take.
- Tell them about the cities and places you will visit.
- Tell how it will impact your learning.
- Tell them how this trip impacts your professional and personal goals.
- Tell them how you will use the donations (expenses, food, etc.).
- Tell them how a donation will make a difference in your future.

#### A personal statement will go a long way!

#### EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:

#### LIFE SKILLS YOU WILL LEARN OR ENHANCE:

- Enriched general education & resume
- Experiential learning
- See masterworks and architecture in person
- Increases educational interest and completion
- Learn about different languages
- Experience views and perspectives held by others
- Appreciation of cultural diversity
- Understanding of how they can impact others
- Increase cultural sensitivity and empathy

- Critical thought, intellectual, social, and personal growth
- Independence and self-confidence
- Adaptability and flexibility
- Increase communication skills
- The ability to step outside your comfort zone
- Trying new things
- Learn to navigate in new places
- Gain confidence, maturity and responsibility

### Market-Market-Market

Use <u>social media</u>!

Facebook, Twitter, Blog, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest, Text, etc. Use all platforms for all age groups.

Write personal letters.

- Invite them to come to your art show at our gallery.
- Offer them art or a photo from your trip as a thank you.
- Keep track of your donors so you can keep them updated.
- <u>Always</u> send thank you notes!

#### Post and Re-post your needs for donations!

# Stay in touch with your community!

Who is your community? Family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, church members, etc.

Once you identify who you want to send donation information out to, keep them in the loop.

Send them updates on your fundraising progress.

Talk about it on your Instagram, Twitter, Blog, Snapchat or Facebook page so your community can see how much you have raised and how much you still owe.

Create tiers for the donations, \$20 you will send them a post card, \$50 you will get them a key chain, \$100 you will give them a photo and so on.

Good times to ask for donations, holidays, birthdays and graduations.

Photography and Journalism student Kelvin always wanted to travel. He used the EF Tours" TripFunder" to help him with personal fundraising to go Italy and Greece in 2019. Kelvin reached out to members of his community for donations to help make his dreams come true.





Jacob applied for the EF Tours scholarship to help with the cost of the 2018 Japan trip. The essay he wrote included how travel abroad would impact his education, Japanese language skills and career. His inspiring story won him an award.





Sixteen of the Study Abroad students going to Japan were eligible for ACC grants and scholarships, which they put towards their trip.



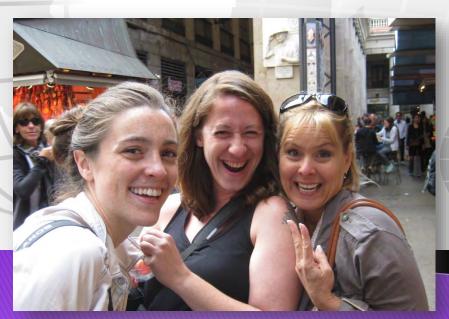
Meet our Study Abroad class who went to Japan

Our Criminal Justice Study Abroad students teamed up to run a 5K for fundraising. It went so well, they ran several! Each student reached out to family and friends to donate for each race they ran. This team effort allowed for a fun experience, while raising money.





In 2016, in hopes to reach out to her community, Stephanie wrote a personal letter to her congregation. She made sure her message "told her story", including how the trip to Barcelona and Paris would enhance her education and provide personal growth. She passed her letter out to each parishioner of her church. Just after a few weeks, she paid off her trip.



Meet Stephanie

Photography student Madi has been on several of our trips including, Amsterdam, Berlin, London, Japan, Italy and Greece. Now she is focused on raising funds for Spain and Portugal. Madi has combined several approaches to raise funds.

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She cut back on all other expenses. Sold cloths at a local consignment store. Upcycled items – purchase low, fix them, sell high. Used a credit card that gives cash back on groceries. Put her venmo on social media for random people to donate. Participated in club bake sales and foundation events.

Meet Madi

Fitness trainer and photographer Rosanne used her skills to earn extra money for her trip by provided personal training sessions for her clients and sold her photography on her website so she could go to Italy and Greece in 2019. A little extra work and creativity paid off!



#### Meet Rosanne

To fund Tabor's trip to Berlin and Amsterdam in 2022, she started her own small business that specializes in geodes and crystal home accessories. Not only does this help her expand her education in Interior Design, it is helping her raise funds.

To learn more about Tabor's story and view her home decor collection, visit her website and follow her on Instagram.



#### www.interiorsinbalanceco.com

Instagram: @interiorsinbalance



As members of the Study Abroad club, Mel, Emilia and Madi helped organize bake sales and participated in several foundation events to raise money for their trip. All three students have attend several of the Study Abroad programs, including London, Japan and Italy.



Meet Mel, Emilia and Madi

#### **Group Fundraising** We participate in several fundraising activities.

#### Spring

- Clay Sale
- Foundation Event

#### Summer

• Affordable Arts Festival, Foundation Event

#### Fall

- Holiday Sale
- Clay Sale
- Foundation Event

#### All Year

- Referral program
- Bake Sales

Students earn funds for their volunteer hours.



### **ACC Scholarships & Grants**

Complete your FASFA

Talk with <u>Financial Aid</u> about your eligibility for <u>grants</u>.

Go to the <u>scholarship link</u> to review the process and see what is available. Read through them all.

Also, look at their Outside and Private scholarships.

Good things take persistence!

### **EF Scholarships**

**To be eligible, you must be:** Enrolled on an EF College Study program.

18 years of age or older.

A current part-time or full-time student enrolled in an undergraduate- ACC counts.

In good standing with your institution.

In good financial account standing with EF College Study payments.

Scholarship Overview Types: Merit, Financial and Diversity & Equity Apply for one.

You have to work for it!

## Additional Scholarship Opportunities

www.internationalscholarships.com www.scholarships.com collegeboard.org www.fastweb.com Tortuga Backpacks Scholarship Hispanic Scholarship Fund Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Scott's Cheap Flights Scholarship HI USA Explore the World Travel Scholarships Boren Awards Gilman Scholarships

Do your research and set time aside!

#### **Be Prepared**

Read every scholarship, grant and award thoroughly. Make sure you are eligibility. Create a check list of what you need to submit. Keep track of the places you apply, the due dates and notification dates. Have all the documents they require, such as:

> A personal statement A reference and/or letter from an instructor GPA and/or proof of good standing with your college Transcripts Proof of trip registration Travel/Class dates Have a video Etc.

#### Stay organized and have a plan!

# What ideas do you have to raise money?

#### Contact Trish to brainstorm ways to raise money <u>trish.sangelo@arapahoe.edu</u>