

Fundraising for your Chapter

FUNDRAISING AT A GLANCE

Fundraising for a SkillsUSA chapter allows student members to develop personal financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills. Students can gain skills that include:

- Working effectively within a budget
- Effectively managing personal finances
- Managing resources efficiently

The funds raised by students might support membership dues, travel to competitions or the purchase of additional educational resources.

FUNDRAISING POLICY

Before undertaking any fundraising, be sure to check with your school administration on any policies or procedures for handling money. Be sure to issue receipts for any goods provided to others and have a system to record all transactions. It is a good idea to obtain written approval from the principal or campus administrator for any fundraising activity.

Many schools have forms for organizers to fill out annually that specify the fundraiser goals, the type of activity, the time it will take, how the funds will be collected and the number of students involved. When planning an event, keep in mind students should never be compelled to participate in fundraising activities. Students may be rewarded for participation, but they **should not be penalized** because of a refusal to participate in fundraising activities conducted on behalf of a school.

The purpose of fundraising is to promote general welfare, education and morale of all the students, and to finance legitimate co-curricular activities of the student organizations. Schools or their school board generally adopt policy statements to govern the management of student activity funds, and how funds can be raised by students. Such policy statements create parameters within which all student groups can operate effectively. Fundraising projects should contribute to the educational experience of students and should enhance the instructional program.



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

1. TRIVIA NIGHT

- Host a trivia/game night for students or members of the community
- Divide into teams and play for a grand prize
- Each team pays an entry fee to compete

2. PENNY WARS

- Collect pennies to support a local charity
- Every penny will count as positive and a silver coin counts as a negative
- Make it a challenge within your SkillsUSA chapter and school to exceed a fundraiser goal

3. CRAFT SHOW

- Students supply baked goods, handmade crafts or other items that they sell at a craft show
- Join a local craft show or host an event at your school

4. GOLF TOURNAMENT

- Ask different organizations and businesses to sponsor a hole on the golf course at \$100 per hole
- Advertise the location, date and time throughout your school and community

5. HOST A DANCE

- Secure a DJ
- Provide a concession stand
- Choose a theme and award prizes
- Host challenges throughout the night
 - Games
 - Last person on the dance floor

6. OTHER IDEAS

- Shovel snow, landscape or plant flowers
- Battle of the bands
- Sell donated formal dresses at a Prom Dress Sale
- Used books and video games sale
- Dodgeball or Basketball tournament
- Car wash
- Sell concessions at a sporting event or school production