

ESTHER FUNDS FOUNDATION EVENT-IN-A-BOX RESOURCE GUIDE For All Collegiate Chapters | Updated 2025 "Every Future Fulfilled"



This professional planning resource is designed to spark creativity while staying aligned with Esther Funds Foundation's mission to prevent college dropouts, build student resilience, and create a faithrooted support system on college campuses. Each event category below reflects the values, priorities, and strategic goals of EFF chapters.



Academic Support & Student Success Examples

Goal: Keep students on track academically through skill-building, encouragement, and accountability.

Faith & Finals Study Lounge

Host late-night study sessions with free snacks, soft music, and a prayer table.

Scholarship Application Night

Walk students through live scholarship submissions with real-time support.

Time Management & Academic Survival Workshop

Interactive session with student leaders and campus professionals.

GPA Goal-Setting + Accountability Mixer

Mid-semester check-in where students track progress and set realistic goals.

Study Buddy Speed Matching

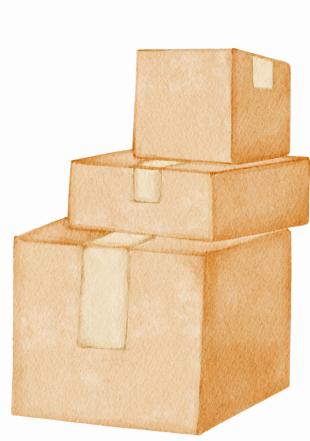
Create matches based on courses and availability. Great for first-gen students.



Emergency Support & Basic Needs

Goal: Eliminate barriers to persistence by addressing financial or daily resource gaps.

- Emergency Grocery or Meal Kit Giveaway
- Distribute basic items or gift cards to students experiencing food insecurity.
- Dorm Essentials Drive
- Collect bedding, hygiene, or small appliances for vulnerable student populations.
- Gas Card or Bus Pass Raffle
- Offer practical commuting support during midterms or finals.
- Emergency Fund Story Night
- Invite real students to share how EFF or aid helped them stay in school.
- Finals Survival Kits
- Packaged items like snacks, pencils, affirmations, and school supplies.



Fundraisers & Financial Aid Awareness

Goal: Raise funds to support students and educate peers about financial literacy and support systems.

"Drip Don't Drop" Ice Bucket Challenge

National fundraising campaign with social media engagement.

\$1 for a Scholar Donation Table

Accept small donations to fund emergency grants or kits.

Give-Back Night at Local Business

Partner with restaurants or bookstores to receive a percentage of sales.

Campus Popcorn or Cookie Sale

Use branded packaging with EFF messaging and scholarship facts.

EFF Sponsor-a-Student Initiative

Invite donors to contribute to specific student needs (anonymously shared).



Mental Health & Wellness



You're Not Alone Letter Writing Night

Write notes of encouragement to students struggling with school/life balance.

Mental Health + Ministry Night

Panel discussion on therapy, healing, and trusting God in seasons of struggle.

Guided Journaling + Prayer Circle

An intentional night of self-reflection and group encouragement.

Self-Care Kit Distribution

Stress balls, snacks, herbal teas, devotionals, sticky notes, and affirmations.

Campus Calm Corner

Set up a tent or station with calm music, coloring books, and prayer cards.



Mentorship & Leadership Development

Goal: Strengthen confidence, clarity, and community through intentional relationships and training.

- Match older and younger students in a structured support system.
- Find Your Why Vision Board Workshop
- Purpose-driven reflection around goals, identity, and staying enrolled.
- Career & Calling Panel
- Professionals share how they overcame obstacles and remained faithful.
- EFF Leadership 101 Training Night
- Chapter roles, planning skills, communication, and faith-filled leadership.
- Transfer Student & First-Gen Mixer
- Create instant belonging and guidance for students new to the system.



Faith-Based Encouragement & Ministry

Goal: Keep Christ at the center of our work and speak life over each student's journey.

Bible + Books Study Nights

Open with scripture, then transition into homework/study time.

Testimony Tuesday Instagram Live or Tabling

Let students share how God helped them persevere in college.

Prayer & Purpose Circles

Invite students to share prayer requests and receive prayer.

College & Christ Devotional Series

Facilitate weekly devotionals tied to academic endurance and identity.

Sunday Recharge: Faith & Fellowship Brunch

Post-church meal with reflection, goal setting, and bonding.



Community Service & Advocacy

Goal: Engage in student-centered service and make EFF visible as a source of help.

Donation Drive for On-Campus Emergency Pantry

Collect food, hygiene, or feminine products for campus resource centers.

Campus Cleanup or Beautification Day

Serve the school environment and engage non-members in service.

Volunteer with Local Youth or After-School Programs

Give back by mentoring younger students through your chapter.

EFF Encouragement Stations

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Service + Scripture Saturday

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Advocacy & Awareness Campaigns

Goal: Raise awareness around the national dropout crisis and mobilize students as change agents.

College Dropout Prevention Walk

Host a peaceful walk or march through campus with signs, chants, and facts.

Why We Stay Testimonial Booth

Invite students to publicly share why they stayed in school, through video or live setup.

Purple Ribbon Day

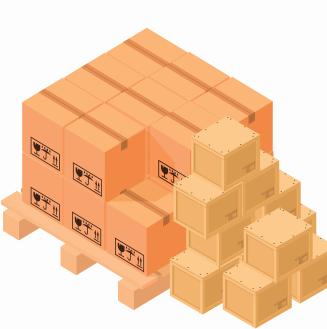
Wear purple to raise awareness and host a table with literature on dropout stats.

Campus Letter to Leaders Campaign

Write letters to university administration requesting more resources for retention.

Instagram Reel Series: Dropout Diaries

Students submit stories about almost dropping out and what helped them stay.



Bonding & Belonging

Goal: Build healthy community that promotes retention, encouragement, and family.

EFF Game Night or Sip & Paint

Laughter, art, snacks, and safe space bonding.

Bonfire & Breakthrough Night

Reflection on goals, healing from burnout, and casting vision in prayer.

First-Semester Welcome Social

For new students to feel connected and seen in their EFF chapter.

EFF Retreat Day (Local or Virtual)

Short retreat with workshops, devotionals, and renewal.

Sisterhood or Brotherhood Circles

Split the group to build trust and gender-based support.



Induction Ceremony Add-Ons & Inspiration

Goal: Honor and affirm new members through excellence, prayer, and professionalism.

Scripture Pledge
Have inductees recite a pledge rooted in faith, service, and leadership.
Charge to the New Members
Deliver a motivational charge about being called to complete college.
Candlelight Affirmation Moment
Each member lights a candle and shares a word of encouragement.

Have a spiritual leader or chapter minister pray over the incoming class.

Letter to Self Activity

Each inductee writes a letter to their future self to open at graduation

Prayer of Covering



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