

## Fundraising Ideas from A-Z

### A

**Art Sales:** Showcase student art or local artists. Charge for admission, sell snacks, and allow attendees to purchase donated art.

**Auctions:** Organize a live or silent auction at school.

### B

**Bake sale:** Have parents or local businesses donate baked goods.

**Babysit/Pet sit:** Offer to watch your neighbors or family friend's children or pets for a donation.

**Bracelets:** Purchase and wear a blue Make-A-Wish® bracelet.

**Book sale:** Collect old books and sell them for donations at a book sale.

**Bottle Drive:** Setup a box and collect returnable bottles and donate the change.

**Balloon Day:** Sell a blue star balloon with a message attached for \$2 each. Take orders in advance and then deliver the balloons.

**Bowl-a-thon:** Host a bowl-a-thon and get pledges per pin that get knocked down.

### C

**Car wash:** Wash cars in exchange for donations.

**Carnation sale:** Have classmates purchase carnations and send them to a special someone.

**Coin drive:** Place a container in each classroom and ask everyone to contribute spare change for a week or period of time.

**Concession Stands:** Setup a concession stand at a game or community event.

**Cook off:** Guests attending pay a set price which includes samples of the dishes made. Guests can vote for their favorite dish.

**Cooking class:** Ask a local chef or baker to teach a cooking class in exchange for donations.

**Celebrate:** Turn your birthday or graduation celebration into a fundraiser. In lieu of gifts, ask for donations.

### D

**Dance-a-thon:** Create an event where participants dance for a given timeframe. Solicit pledges per minute danced or donate the ticket price.

**Dress down day:** Students with uniforms can dress down for the day or choose a theme like PJ or superhero day.

**Dog wash:** Setup a dog washing station and ask for donations in exchange for washing dogs.

### E

**Eating contest:** Have a contest to see who can eat the most. Charge an entry fee.

**Errand service:** Pick a day to run errands for others in exchange for donations.

### F

**Fashion show:** Work with a store to hold a fashion show.

**Flower sales:** Work with a florist and sell bouquets, potted flowers, or individual stems at school.

### G

**Game night:** Host a game night at school and charge an entry fee.

**Golf tournament:** Organize a golf tournament for parents, teachers, and golf groups.

### H

**How many in the jar?** Load up a jar full of goodies and ask students to guess how many in the jar. Ask for a donation for every guess and give the winner a prize.

**Haunted house:** Organize a haunted house for Halloween and charge admission.

### I

**Ice cream social:** Ask for donations for ice cream and charge per topping served.

### J

**Jam Session:** Host an amateur night and invite local bands and performers. Charge an entry fee.

## Fundraising Ideas from A-Z

### K

**Karaoke:** Guests can pay \$2 per song or people can donate \$5 and pick someone in the audience to go up and sing (friends, family, colleagues, etc.)

### L

**Loose Change Day:** Encourage colleagues to bring in loose change to donate. Drop the change at a local Coinstar to directly donate to Make-A-Wish\*.

**Letter writing:** Send letters or emails to your friends and family explaining why you're fundraising and ask for a donation.

### M

**Make-A-Wish star sales:** Colleagues or the community purchase paper stars\* for \$1 (or other predetermined amount), sign their name, and post it on the wall.

**Mow-A-Lawn:** Check with neighbors and see if you can mow their lawn for a donation.

**Movie Night:** Have a movie night at a park or community center. Charge admission and sell refreshments.

### N

**New skills:** Find a DIY expert and host a class where students and supporters can learn a new skill like sewing, painting, or woodwork.

### O

**Online games:** Host a virtual game night and charge an entry fee to participate. Choose to play video games or look for an interactive game you can share across friends.

### P

**Pancake breakfast:** Hold a pancake breakfast and charge people for a plate.

**Paint-A-Thon:** Ask your neighbors what rooms or areas need a fresh coat of paint. Solicit donations per minutes worked, rooms completed, or straight donations.

### Q

**Quilt squares:** Sell quilt squares. The squares can be sold in honor or memory of a Wish kid.

### R

**Radio Station:** Call your favorite radio station and ask them to make an announcement on air about your fundraiser and how the community can support.

### S

**Spaghetti dinner:** Have teachers and parents cook or donate the food. Charge a fee per dinner.

**Student/Faculty Game:** Setup a sports game between students and faculty and charge an admission to attend.

### T

**Turkey drawing:** Ask a grocery store to donate a turkey or ham to be picked up during the holidays. Host a raffle to win the turkey or ham.

### U

**Unwanted gift sale:** Have friends and family donate their unwanted holiday gifts. Sell them for donations.

### V

**Video:** Create a fun video showing why you're supporting Make-A-Wish and post on social media. Share your donation page with the video.

### W

**Walk-A-Thon:** Walk laps in the gym or school track and solicit pledges per lap walked.

**Wrap presents:** Setup a booth at a local mall or store and wrap gifts in exchange for donations.

### X

**X-factor:** Host a talent show and charge an entry fee and admission fee to watch.

### Y

**Yard sale:** Ask your friends and neighbors to donate items for a garage sale and sell items for a donation.

### Z

**Zzz:** Host a PJ party with a movie night and snacks for a donation.