

## 57 Great Fund-raising Ideas

1. Dress-down day: Charge faculty and administrators who wants to participate.
2. Walk-a-thon: Choose a date and a route, make up some pledge forms, and advertise with posters. Have participants gather donations or pledges using their pledge forms.
3. Bag groceries: Ask a local grocery store if you can bag people's groceries for donations. Be certain to put up a sign saying what the money supports.
4. Skip-a-thon (row-a-thon, see-saw-a-thon): Choose a date, create pledge forms, and advertise. Have participants gather donations or pledges using their pledge forms, then participate in the activity.
5. Raffles: Sell tickets and keep ticket stubs. On the date of the draw, have someone close his or her eyes and pick a ticket stub from all the ones that were sold. Do this publicly. The winner receives a prize.
6. Auction: Have individuals, groups and businesses donate goods and services. Be creative in what you can auction off and make certain that the goods and services are sold at reasonable prices.
7. Perform a free service for donations: Rake leaves, shovel snow, take care of a pet. When offering your service, ask the person who benefited from your actions for a donation toward your worthy cause.
8. Sell candy, cards, etc. See our suggestion here, <http://www.hoopzonebasketball.com/fundraising.html>
9. Carnival day: Host a mini carnival, with games, prizes and popcorn, in a local park or your own backyard. Charge admission and/or a small fee to play games.
10. Pitch-a-thon: Rent a radar gun and measure how fast people can throw a baseball or kick a soccer ball. Charge \$1 per try and give a prize to the fastest individual.
11. Sell buttons or t-shirts displaying your logo. See our suggestion here, <http://www.hoopzonebasketball.com/fundraising.html>
12. Spaghetti Dinner: Prepare a great dinner for students or community members and charge a fee.
13. Hold a Theme Party: Charge an entrance fee, but be sure to explain what their cover charge is going towards.
14. Day of Community Service: Gather together a group of friends, and contact a number of organizations for which you would be interested in volunteering. Then have people sponsor you to do community service for 24 hours.
15. Craft Sale: Make all the crafts yourself and sell them.
16. Family Barbecue: Host a family barbecue with games and activities.
17. Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament: Organize a basketball tournament in your school with the winning team receiving a prize. This can also be done with soccer, tennis, badminton, volleyball, or any other sport.
18. Swim-a-thon: Get sponsors for the number of laps you swim.
19. Bingo: Host a bingo night at a local hall or school.
20. Plant Sale: Organize a plant sale with plants donated by local nurseries.
21. Fruit Stand: Get permission to go to local farms and pick fruit to sell. Sell the produce in high-traffic areas.
22. Book (used book) Sale: Ask all your friends, relatives, and teachers to donate their old books. Advertise your book sale by means of posters and flyers. Set up a table and sell books.
23. Bowling: Organize a bowling night or a competition. Charge everyone a small fee to enter or have get pledges.
24. Buy a Brick: If you are fundraising to build a school or building, have people make donations to purchase bricks.
25. Coupon Sale: Have coupon books donated by local businesses, and then sell them to students and adults.
26. Balloon Pop: Before filling a balloon with air or helium, put a note inside. Have a certain number of the notes worth a prize. Have people buy balloons and pop them in the hope of getting the prize.
27. Scavenger Hunt: Set a route and make a list of items that the participants need to find in order to win. Advertise your scavenger hunt well and charge everyone a small fee to participate. The winning person/group gets a prize.

28. Car Wash: With a group of friends, set up a car wash in the parking lot of your school, church, or public area.
29. Hug-a-gram: Advertise a hug for a dollar. Have people buy a hug for a friend. After a member of your group gives the hug to the designated person, give them a small card with a message from the person who sent the hug.
30. Charity Ball: Hire a DJ or a band, rent a hall, advertise, and sell tickets for a dance.
31. Holiday Ornament Sale: Sell ornaments during the holiday season.
32. Classic Car Show: Organize a classic automobile show. Invite people to attend and to bring their cars by placing ads in local newspapers, leaving flyers at local businesses, and charging people to come and see the show.
33. Miniature Golf: Build a nine-hole miniature golf course at your school, featuring ramps, water and sand traps, and other obstacles. Charge people to play a round during lunch.
34. Clearing Snow: Shovel snow from people's driveways and walkways in the winter months for a donation.
35. Guess the age of your teacher: Organize an event in which students pay to guess the age of your teacher.
36. Hoopla: The competitor throws hoops over prizes. The person whose hoop completely lands over the prize gets to keep the award. Make sure you do not spend too much money on prizes.
37. Talent Auction: Auction off the talents of people. For instance, singers to sing at a wedding, party, or special event.
38. Ugly tie, worst hair-do, best mismatched outfit: Have the students come to an event, dinner, or a sports game where the vote will take place. Provide a prize to the winner.
39. Flower Show: Invite gardeners from your community to enter their flowers in a competition for a prize. Ask volunteer experts to be judges and charge all participants and spectators a fee.
40. Calendar Sale: Create a calendar highlighting the projects and members of your organization, and sell it to students and their family members.
41. Sports Tournament/Fitness Competition: Organize a sports tournament or fitness competition. Advertise well and charge spectators to come and watch groups compete.
42. Art Sale: Have local artists donate some of their works, which will be displayed and then sold to the public.
43. Gardening: Tend the garden of a neighbor, a local store, or community park for a donation.
44. Recipe Book: Gather together favorite recipes and put them together in a book. Sell the book through your school, sports organization, etc. Try to get the photocopying donated by local businesses.
45. Walk Dogs: Try walking dogs every day for a fee.
46. Toy Sale: Hold a toy sale. The best season for this is just prior to Christmas.
47. Triathlon: Set a course of running, cycling, and swimming. Have participants get pledges to compete to win prizes.
48. Lemonade Stand: Make lemonade, post signs, and sell it on a hot day.
49. Babysitting Evening - promote as great time for parents to have alone time!
50. Garage Sale.
51. Concession Stand: Purchase products at discount store and get in a high visibility, high traffic, high demand spot. Perhaps at major event!
52. Raffle: Could be a quilt, a special item like jewelry, day of beauty.
53. Pancake Breakfast: Some companies will offer the equipment for free; others will give you the product necessary to make the pancakes. Hold first day of hunting season or cold winter day!
54. Singing Telegrams: Hopefully with someone who has a great voice!
55. Sports Clinics.
56. Call Burger King or McDonalds and arrange a benefit night where your organization gets a cut of the night's profit.
57. Tutor students at the local schools.