

CWF Fundraising Tips & Ideas

Interested in the Catholic Worldview Fellowship, but not sure about the cost? No problem! This list of fundraising avenues and advice can help you on your way to raising the necessary funds. Still have questions? Feel free to contact us and we'll help you brainstorm other fundraising ideas.

- I. Have a clear message and be confident! The first step is identifying why YOU in particular want to attend the Fellowship. Then, come up with a clear and personal way of explaining this to others. If it comes from the heart, people are sure to listen and help.
- II. Ask your pastor if you could present your plan of applying for the Catholic Worldview Fellowship at your parish. Additionally, ask your local Knights of Columbus chapter if you could attend one of their meetings and share your need. Offer to give a presentation of your experience after the fellowship as a way of "giving back".
- III. Look up other Catholic organizations in your area and offer to give a similar presentation (Check out the diocesan website and/or directory for some help).
- IV. Make a list of family and friends that would be open to supporting you. Next to each name, identify how you can share your need with them — Is it by email, letter, phone call, or over coffee? Then, go for it! Say a prayer for each person and contact them to see if they can help.
- V. Set up a "Go Fund Me" page (www.gofundme.com). This is a great way to make it easy for friends and family to support you! Print notes with your "Go Fund Me" website information that you can pass out.
- VI. Ask for support on social media! Write a blog or Facebook post sharing why you would like to attend. Be sure to let them know how they can help. If you have a Go Fund Me page, point them to it!
- VII. Identify campus organizations that could sponsor you (ex. Campus Ministry, Leadership Organizations, etc.). Approach them about help with clear reasons for why you want to participate in the Fellowship. Explain how your attendance could support their mission at the university.
- VIII. Check if your university or Study Abroad office offers scholarships for students that are taking classes abroad. Search and apply for other study abroad scholarships online.
- IX. Are you crafty? Create something (a painting, sculpture, greeting cards, jewelry) and then raffle it to family and friends, or sell it online. Be sure to explain that you are fundraising, and share why you need support.
- X. Last but not least: ask your patron Saint for help, and/or ask another Saint for specific help with this venture... Saint Anthony is known to help people "find" things, and St. Joseph is a great provider!