

10 WAYS to Fundraise



Many TSA chapters across the country hold fundraising events at different times of the year to help pay for membership dues, conference travel, and other TSA chapter-related expenses. Not only are fundraisers a great way to collect money, but also for your chapter members to manage and promote projects, and get to know each other, classmates, the community, and local businesses. Be sure to secure the approval of your school's administration before trying these or any other fundraising ideas.

- 1. Loose Change Challenge**—Provide your family and friends with a plastic cup or jar to keep handy at their homes, and ask them to throw in coins (and maybe even dollars!) at the end of each day. Collect the cups at the end of the fundraiser and count the change.
- 2. Tech Boot Camp**—Invite school families who are not familiar or comfortable with technology, to the school cafeteria or tech lab to learn technology tools, applications, and programs. Consider charging a flat or hourly rate for the classes.
- 3. Tech Repair Fair**—Many people may not be able to afford basic repairs on their tech gadgets. Your tech savvy chapter members could fill this need. Customers could be charged an affordable flat fee, with profits going to your chapter.
- 4. Restaurant Night**—Many local restaurants sponsor fundraisers on certain nights to increase business. A portion of the proceeds from sales during scheduled hours can benefit your chapter. Encourage school staff, students, family, friends, and community members to attend.
- 5. Hats On!** Whether school wide, or only for your chapter, perhaps charge students who want to wear a hat to school or a meeting, \$1 for the day. If the event is held school-wide, consider using a theme that is already planned for school during Spirit Week (i.e., sports teams, movie themes, etc.) or a theme relating to a holiday (Santa hats around winter break).
- 6. Popcorn Friday**—Rent an old-fashioned popcorn making stand and charge \$1 per bag to end the school week on a crunchy note!
- 7. Movie Night**—The popcorn machine also could be used during a Movie Night, whether for your chapter or school-wide. Perhaps feature a STEM-themed movie that is approved by school administrators, such as:
 - A Beautiful Mind (PG-13)
 - Apollo 13 (PG)
 - Gravity (PG-13)
 - Hidden Figures (PG)
 - Interstellar (PG-13)
 - Moneyball (PG-13)
 - October Sky (PG)
 - The Right Stuff (PG)
 - Wall-E (G)
- 8. Recycle to Raise**—Your chapter may be able to raise funds by recycling printer cartridges, mobile devices, etc.
- 9. Local Business Discount Cards**—Research and find a company that will put together local business discount cards, which chapter members can sell to the community. The company may ask your chapter to compile a list of local businesses and contacts, then reach out to the businesses to see which ones will make discount offers that would be printed on the cards. Then chapter members can sell the cards and receive a portion of the profits for the chapter.
- 10. Friday Night Lights**—Contact your school's athletic director to see what would be required for your chapter to staff the concession stand at your school's home athletic games. A portion of the proceeds may go your chapter for your efforts.