

WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR CHAPTER'S COFFERS

All chapters have money problems and there are many ways to add to the bank account. However, each chapter is unique and what might work for one chapter might not work for another. Be creative. Since new ideas often arise from old ones, here is a list of tried-and-true fund-raisers which have been successful for other chapters over the years. Get your thinking caps on and good luck!

Almost anything can be sold. The variety is endless with food being at the top of the list. Remember students are always hungry.

1. Bake sales, anything homemade.
2. Plants, either from your greenhouse or donated by local nurseries.
3. Apples and/or apple cider in the fall.
4. Pumpkins
5. Thanksgiving turkeygrams or Valentine sweetheartgrams.
6. Tomato plants for home gardeners.
7. Candy—there are many companies which have candy sales programs.
8. Dissecting Kits for freshman labs.
9. Lab coats for both biology and chemistry students.
10. Rats and mice left-over from labs. Find out your school's policy concerning small animals in the dorms.
11. Create and sell T-shirts appropriate to your school or dept. Also, remember that you can increase the cost of Tribeta T-shirts to members and make a small profit.
12. Helium balloons for Valentine's Day.
13. Lab Manual notebooks. Some professors write their own lab manuals and might allow you to collate and sell the manuals.
14. Book sales. Ask faculty to donate unneeded books, both text and paper backs.
15. Silent auctions.
16. Poster Sales. Ask video stores for left-over or old but popular posters. (One student that I know was offered a large sum of money for her Mel Gibson poster.)
17. Computer paper and/or disks. Many students don't want a large box of paper or a box of disks. Sell smaller packets.
18. Arrange with local food store to cook and sell bratwurst or hotdogs or whatever in their parking lot. If you use the store's products and give them some publicity, many stores will donate or sell the supplies at cost to you.
19. Rummage sale of small items which might be useful in the dorms.
20. Mistletoe at Christmas.

Having run out of things to sell try raffles.

21. Raffle off tickets to local theaters or plays or concerts.
22. Raffle off restaurant meals.

23. Raffle off amounts of gasoline just before holidays or breaks.
24. Raffle off best selling books or other books of interest.
25. Parking problems on campus? Ask security to assign a special space for a specific time.
26. Arrange with a local video store to purchase a very popular movie at cost and raffle off the movie.

Miscellaneous and Unusual Ideas

27. Run a food concession at home sports functions.
28. Offer a nature photo show open to students and faculty, charge admission and if possible, arrange to sell prints.
29. Maintain a soda machine and/or snack machine in the Biology lounge.
30. Car wash.
31. –athons, whatever might be interesting to your campus.
32. Several chapters have reported great success with a “Best Legs” beauty contest.
33. Rent films and have a film night complete with popcorn.
34. Collect computer paper, aluminum, newspaper, etc. and take to a local recycling center.
35. Rent-A-Chapter Day for a large clean-up project like cleaning up a football stadium after a big game.
36. One chapter has great success with their plastic flamingo fund raiser. Unless the faculty member pays the chapter a bribe, a plastic flamingo is placed on his/her lawn.

Finally, when raising money for a special lecture series open to the general public or asking for funds to attend and present a paper at a scientific meeting, you should approach your alumni, local physicians, pharmaceutical houses, or other parties which might be interested in TriBeta and its goals. Take along a Bio of the intended speaker/s or a copy of your abstract and a flyer about TriBeta. If they don't know about TriBeta, explain our goals. Show them what alumni of your chapter are doing now. Offer the donor some type of recognition for his sponsorship. We will even prepare a special certificate for them.