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# Student Chapter Financing Guide

Financing is a key part of running a successful AGD Student Chapter. Without funds, it is hard to conduct activities for your members. The purpose of this guide is to help you locate and raise funds to support your AGD Student Chapter. Here are a few options student chapters have successfully employed in the past:

Sponsorships

When planning your AGD student chapter events consider working with corporate sponsors. The basic intention of sponsorship is to develop a relationship with a corporate brand and your student chapter members. This is done by naming events or by displaying corporate logos at events or venues and in the media that advertises the event. Sponsors may also provide speakers and food for your student chapter events.

Contact membership@agd.org for possible sponsorship opportunities with Dentist Advantage and Ernest.

 

Refer-a-Classmate program

Are you familiar with our Refer a Classmate Program? Students can earn recruiter recognition as well as American Express gift cards for each recruiter level reached—up to $850! This is a great way to build and finance your student chapter. More information on the Refer a Classmate Program can be found [here](http://www.agd.org/membership/member-connections/refer-a-classmate.aspx).

Student Chapter scholarship

The AGD offers student chapter leaders financial support in hosting local AGD Student Chapter events and promoting AGD membership every year. In addition to distributing complimentary printed recruitment materials, AGD Headquarters awards a select number of $500 scholarships to qualified applicants to help defray the costs of hosting local AGD Student Chapter events.

This scholarship is usually offered late summer/early fall. For more information, please contact membership@agd.org.

Constituent Mini-Grant Assistance Program

The AGD offers constituents the opportunity to support new or ongoing projects with a grant of $500 through the Mini Grant Assistance Program.  Applicants’ efforts may include, but are not limited to, innovative membership recruitment campaigns; community outreach programs; or leadership training and development initiatives. Grants are awarded to constituents that demonstrate a need, however all constituents are encouraged to apply. Due to limited funding, only 20 grants are available and one grant per constituent will be awarded. Grant applications are released annually during the month of January. For more information, please contact contstituentservices@agd.org.

*We strongly encourage student chapters to consult with their respective constituent leaders before applying to this program.*

Student activities funds

Another option to finance your student chapter is a student activities fund from your university. Check with your faculty advisor or your student affairs office to see if your college or university offers chapter funding.

Fundraiser ideas

Fundraising events are used by many student chapters to help finance their chapter’s programs. Fundraisers are meant to be fun, so think outside the box of creative ways yours a success. Below our several options:

* Auctions
* Barbeques
* Raffles
* Carwashes
* Interviewing workshops
* Organizing a job fair for a career services department
* Selling unclaimed lost and found items
* Valentine's Day flower sale
* Candy, bake, garage sales
* Holiday gift sales
* Exam "survival kits" -- coffee, chocolate, aspirin, etc.
* Karaoke Night