

# **Washington Workshops Foundation**



## **Financial Aid and Fundraising Suggestions**

Dear Washington Workshops Participants,

Unfortunately, The Washington Workshops Foundation is unable to offer scholarships this year. We are, however, aware that many of you may be able to make use of financial aid. So, we have prepared this leaflet to help you in finding that aid.

Included on the next page is a list of fund raising ideas that have been effective for our students in the past. We suggest that you first look into local sources for possible financial support. Many students have received financial aid for the program from school and community groups as well as local businesses. We encourage you to explore all of your options fully. While no one source is likely to provide all of the funding that you will need, several sources may go a long way in helping you afford your participation in the program.

We suggest that you first write a letter to prospective sources of aid (a sample is on the back of this leaflet). You should stress why you are qualified for this experience and the positive impact that it will have. You might also point out that giving you aid will help to develop a positive community image of the organization and let them know that you will be more than willing to share your experience with them when you return. Finally, you can direct them to the Workshops website at [www.workshops.org](http://www.workshops.org) to learn more about the program.

## Sample Fund Raising Letter

### Ideas for Fund Raising

#### Organizational Support

- American Legion
- Chamber of Commerce
- City Council
- Democratic Town/County Committees
- Elks Club
- Jaycees
- Kiwanis Club
- Knights of Columbus
- Lions Club
- Masonic Lodge
- Moose Club
- NAACP
- National Society of the Colonial Dames of America
- National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- Private Businesses and Individuals
- PTA/PTO
- Republican Town/County Committees
- Rotary Club
- School
- Student Council
- United We Stand America Local Chapter
- Women's/Men's Clubs

#### Group and Individual Projects

Babysitting Services  
Car Washes  
Concessions at Sporting Events  
Dances  
Raffles or Contests  
Rummage/Yard Sales  
Sales at School: Baked Goods, Balloons, Candy, Flowers for Special Holidays

Note: Every Community has its own unique local civic, professional, and trade groups that may be willing to help you. This list is only a set of suggestions. Remember, you know your community better than we do. Good luck!

Your address  
Your phone number  
Your e-mail address

Date

Mr./Ms.\_\_\_\_  
Organization  
Mailing Address

Dear Mr./Ms.\_\_\_\_:

The Washington Workshops Foundation ([www.workshops.org](http://www.workshops.org)), a nationally acclaimed education foundation, has honored me by accepting me to participate in its 2004 National Student Leadership Seminar. The cost of the Seminar is \$945, which includes a \$95 application fee. The remainder of the fee covers tuition, chartered bus transportation in and around Washington during the seminar, entrance to all scheduled seminar events and activities, and room and board. Transportation costs to and from Washington, D.C. are not included in this price. I am very eager to participate in this program, but I need financial assistance to help make this wonderful opportunity possible.

Why should you help me? First and foremost, I am interested in learning about our nation's government first hand. I believe that on-site participation in this seminar will prepare me for a positive college experience and will help me in making preliminary decisions about my career. But my interest alone may not be enough to convince you to grant me financial assistance. Therefore I want to tell you about some of my personal accomplishments.

I have maintained a \_\_\_\_ grade point average during the past \_\_\_\_ years and have participated in extracurricular activities including \_\_\_\_\_. I have received the following awards \_\_\_\_\_ for endeavors such as \_\_\_\_\_.

I would greatly appreciate any financial aid that you can offer me. If I am fortunate enough to attend this seminar, I will represent your organization very well, and I will be eager to share my experience with you. Please consider allowing me the chance to meet with other students from across the country for this important program. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Your signature*

Your Name (typed)  
\_\_\_\_\_ High School