



Beta Beta Beta Biological Society

Chapter Fundraising Ideas

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. Almost anything can be sold. The variety is endless with food being at the top of the list. Remember students are always hungry. Get your thinking caps on and good luck!

1. Bake sales, anything homemade.
2. Plants, either from your greenhouse or donated by local nurseries. (Mums for fall, wreaths for winter holidays)
3. Apples or apple cider in the fall, lemonade in the spring, popsicles in the warm weather.
4. Pumpkins (Sell and have a pumpkin carving night or contest)
5. Thanksgiving turkey grams or Valentine sweetheart grams.
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. Guessing jars. Fill with candy, popular items, etc. Have people pay to guess the amount in the jar and the closest one wins the jar contents.
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. Sell single rose flowers or Crush sodas for Valentine's Day.
13. Balloon animals or hats.
14. Book sales. Ask faculty to donate unneeded books, both text and paper backs.
15. Silent auctions.
16. Have a chili dinner night or cook off.
17. Sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts. (This is a fundraiser they offer)
18. Restaurant Nights. Ask local restaurants if they will donate a portion of sales to your chapter. (**MANY restaurants do this!**)
19. Applebee's restaurant Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast.
20. Chic-Fil-A "Spirit Nights." They donate a portion of their sales.
21. Panera Bread Fundraising Night. They donate a portion of their sales.
22. Sell pizza cards. (Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Domino's, and Papa Murphy's all participate)
23. Have a cook out. Grill hotdogs/hamburgers to sell with drinks and chips.
24. Rummage sale of small items which might be useful in the dorms.
25. Mistletoe at Christmas.

Having run out of things to sell try raffles.

1. Raffle off tickets to local theaters, plays or concerts.
2. Raffle off restaurant meals or gift cards.
3. Raffle off couples Valentine's Day date at local restaurants.
4. Raffle off amounts of gasoline just before holidays or breaks.
5. Raffle off best-selling books or other books of interest.
6. Arrange with a local video store to purchase a very popular movie at cost and raffle off the movie.

Miscellaneous and Unusual Ideas

1. Run a food concession at home sports functions.
2. Pay to Play! Set up a fenced in area with dogs/cats and have people pay to hold and play with them for a certain amount of time. One chapter does this and makes a great profit.
3. "Kissing Booth" use dogs, pay to get a "kiss" from them.
4. Jail. Set up a fenced in area on campus to make a "jail." Have members/students stay inside the jail and ask for "bail money" (donations) to get free.
5. Have a fun run/walk. (Also a good time to make and sell t-shirts)
6. Offer a nature photo show open to students and faculty, charge admission and if possible, arrange to sell prints.
7. Car wash.
8. Auction off chapter members. Highest bidders get to use members for a day of work. (Moving, cleaning, etc.)
9. Rent movies and have a movie night complete with popcorn.
10. Collect computer paper, aluminum, newspaper, etc. and take to a local recycling center.
11. Rent-A-Chapter Day for a large clean-up project like cleaning up a football stadium after a big game.
12. "Flock a Friend" One chapter has great success with their plastic flamingo fund raiser. Unless the person pays the chapter a bribe, many plastic flamingos will cover his/her lawn. Have to pay donation to have them picked up from your yard.

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. ****Don't forget to advertise!!****