



2024 Fundraising Information

In order to reduce the cost of the trip, we encourage everyone to write a support letter. This will not only aid in financially supporting your trip, but will also give your family and friends the opportunity to partner with and pray for you.

Guidelines:

1. Clarify your interest in going on the service trip. Share with people why you want to go.
2. Describe the objectives of your trip, and the kind of ministry you will be doing. Include a little bit about why this is needed and a little about the organization with whom you are going.
3. Outline total costs for the trip. Explain how you would like supporters to be involved and why you are asking them. Review the purpose of the trip (results of dollars they will invest).
4. You may want to include interesting trip facts in your letter, such as:
 - *Name of city and country you're traveling to*
 - *Name of the ministry partner organization*
 - *What kinds of ministry will be done on the trip (i.e. building houses, homeless ministry, food distribution, etc. - get specific!)*
 - *How many students and staff will be on the trip*
 - *Types of people groups you'll be serving*
5. Ask your trip leader for pictures from previous trips to include in your letter.
6. Include the deadline for trip funding – **Thursday, February 15th, 2024.**
7. All personal fundraising will be managed by each individual, so please have supporters make checks payable to you directly, **NOT** TKA. You will be responsible to track all donations and use donated funds to make payments towards the cost of their trip via FACTS.
 - *In your letter, include personal details about who to make checks payable to and where to send them, or personal digital money transferring apps if preferred.*
8. Send your letter by mail or email, and ask your trip leader for pictures from previous trips to include.
9. **We recommend sending your support letters before Christmas break.** Questions? Contact micaela.mclaughlin@tka.org



THE KING'S ACADEMY

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTERS

Dear Family and Friends,

Next Spring, both staff, parents and students from The King's Academy will be heading off to Tecate, Mexico the week before Easter to build houses on the hills outside of town.

It is such an amazing experience. We travel in cars and vans for over 10 hours to a ranch outside Tecate where we set up over 90 tents. For the next 4 days, we wake up early to build houses for families that live in shacks made of old garage doors. It is awesome getting to know the families, especially the kids and seeing how God is working in their lives. We also bond as a school through the workdays and at the evening chapels where we worship God and listen to speakers share about how they have seen God at work.

I have made many discoveries about others and myself, but especially about the Lord. It is easier to see Him and His mighty glory when you are away from your everyday life and temptations, sleeping under His stars and seeing His love in those who seem so happy with so little. It becomes clear how I take advantage of the blessings I have been given. God works wonders in every corner of the world and I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given to glorify Him and to do my part.

Though this trip to Mexico is a wonderful experience, but it does involve funding. The cost is \$xxx, but worth every cent! It would greatly help me if you would prayerfully consider donating financially to this trip. All donations are tax-deductible. I will need to have all funding in by **Friday, March 2, 2018**. If you are unable, thank you for reading my letter and sharing my joy. Please pray for me, as I prepare to embark on this exciting trip.

God Bless You,
(Your name)

We strongly encourage you to personalize your letter and use details about your specific trip. This sample is merely a suggestion.

***Include all pertinent details including

- Your name
- Who to make checks payable to
- Mailing address
- Information for digital money transferring apps (Venmo, Zelle, CashApp, etc.)



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Blessings friends and family,

I hope that this letter finds you in a time of good health and peace in these hard times. As many of you know I am currently a junior at Sonoma State University majoring in Global Studies. I have been thoroughly enjoying my time here at Sonoma and cannot believe that I only have one year left! I am currently considering applying for the Peace Corps as well as other abroad programs after I graduate. One of the best parts of my time here has been my involvement in Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, both leading a Bible Study and now leading on the Worship team for our large group. For those of you who do not know, Intersarsity is a national non-denominational Christian organization that serves college campuses across the country. Through Intersarsity, God is doing some amazing things on campus and our community continues to grow year after year. He is working to transform and shape our campus in new and exciting ways and I have felt completely transformed in these last few years of being lead and also in becoming a leader. The summer after freshman year I was blessed to be able to serve on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, teaching English and doing social work with young children. It was an awesome cross-cultural experience that has influenced the way I view world missions and has also impacted my goals for the future.

This summer Intersarsity has opened up another opportunity for me to serve through the Bay Up Urban Project, where I will spend five weeks living in intercity Oakland, CA, from June 21st to July 28th, learning about God's heart for issues of justice and participating in God's purposes in practical ways. I will be living in an apartment with five to six others from my campus and working with a non-profit Christian organization in the area that serves the homeless, disadvantaged, and children from the local community. We will be living on a budget below poverty level, deepening our experience as we will be living just as those we will be serving. I would like to invite you into supporting me through your thoughts and prayers before and during my time in Oakland. This is an incredible opportunity for me to physically and incarnationally serve the poor in Oakland and to experience God's heart for social justice and love for all his children.

I would also like to present you with the opportunity to partner with me in this ministry in a different way as the living costs of this trip amount to \$1600. I hope that you will prayerfully consider financially contributing in order to make this ministry possible. If you feel called to send in support please make your checks out to Intersarsity Christian Fellowship and send it in the enclosed envelope by June 1st. All contributions are tax deductible.

If you have any questions about this outreach I would love to talk to you, my e-mail address is schulenb@sonoma.edu. You can also visit the Bay Up website at bayup.org. Please pray about the role that God desires for you in this mission, and may He bless you for your time and support.

Thank you so much and God Bless!



Rebecca ♥

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

Isaiah 58:10