

How to Earn Money for Your Student Travel Account

1. **Sell Cookie Dough**

After selling \$25 in product, 25% of total sales will be credited to your travel account. Email, call or knock on the doors of neighbors, friends, relatives or parents' co-workers. Tell them about your trip and how important it is to you.

2. **Sell Starbucks, Yolatea Cards or Hong's gift cards**

Earn 70 cents for each \$10 Starbucks card, \$1.00 for each \$10 Yolatea card, or \$7.50 for each \$25 Hongs card sold. Get an order form from www.saratogamusic.org. Use these yourself, or sell them to friends, teachers, neighbors, relatives, or co-workers. Cards are also excellent gifts. No refunds or returns are accepted on the cards.

3. **Sell Candy Bars**

Contact Mr. Yowell for a box of 52 chocolate bars, which sell for \$1.00 each. You earn 50 cents for each bar sold, or \$26 per box into your travel account.

4. **Write a "send me to New York or Rome" letter**

Write a letter explaining the trip, what it means to you, and that you are seeking funds to help pay for the trip. Contributions should be sent directly to you or your parents, and are not tax deductible. Donations sent directly to SMB will not be credited to specific student accounts, but will go into the general travel account, and thus may be tax deductible. Write to relatives, close family friends, or neighbors. You may ask for contributions in lieu of gifts you'd normally receive from these individuals. See a sample letter on the following page.

5. **Hire out your musical talents**

Form a small musical group with other students, and advertise your group for holiday parties, weddings, events, nursing homes, public markets, etc. Checks can be sent to SMB specifying names of students.

6. **Be a tutor for music and/or academics**

Share your talents by teaching others.

Be alert for additional fundraising opportunities as they become available. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your music director or an SMB board member.

Dear Friends,

I am a freshman at Saratoga High School, and a member of the award winning Saratoga High School music program. I play the _____ in both marching band and concert band. This has become a passion of mine, and it has been a very rewarding and challenging experience.

The Saratoga High School band has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House and several international festivals. On Nov. 22, 2012, we will participate in the most high-profile event the music department has ever been involved in - the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City! Saratoga was one of 11 high school marching bands chosen out of hundreds of nationwide applicants. Saratoga High School will represent not only the Bay Area but also the state of California in this annual event. The band will perform for its largest audience ever with an expected 3.5 million live spectators and more than 50 million viewers nationwide.

I am extremely excited about this upcoming trip, but the fees for this trip are quite considerable. I am participating in many fund raising activities in order to offset these costs, however, there remains a significant balance.

I would like to respectfully ask you for help by being one of my financial sponsors. Even a few dollars will make a difference. There are two ways to contribute. You may make a tax deductible donation to the Saratoga Music Boosters, which will help offset the costs for the entire group, or you may make a non-tax deductible contribution directly to me.

I understand that with today's economy we are all strained financially and whether you are able to contribute or not, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read about my enthusiasm for marching band and our exciting news.
THANK YOU!

Musically Yours,