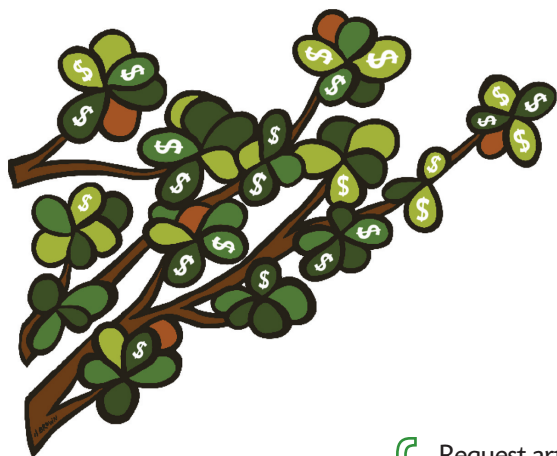


GREEN FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR SCHOOLS



Tired of the same old school fundraising drives – bake sales, car washes or wrapping paper offers?

School fundraising does not have to involve high-calorie sweets, disposable junk you don't need, want or may harm the environment. We all know how desperate our schools are for funds—especially now—but how to raise funds in a green and healthy way?

Many schools continue to profit from healthy and environmentally friendly fundraising activities. [Check out some of our favorite ideas here:](#)

Art Auction

Request art donations from local artists or better yet students, to help expand a school program in need, particularly the arts. Organize an evening event with a small admission fee where the art pieces are auctioned off. Provide food and drink for this fun event!

CFL Bulb Swap

The Blue Planet Foundation will distribute at least 500 energy efficient Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFLs), free of charge to the community through schools and clubs. Groups will be awarded \$1 for every old-style bulb replaced by a CFL and properly installed in homes. This fundraising program supports the environment by reducing carbon emissions and educating students and community about energy efficiency and climate change. For more information visit blueplanetfoundation.org or contact Robbie Adams robbie@blueplanetfoundation.org.

Book Fairs

Promote literacy while raising funds. Organize a gently-used book fair where families donate the books they have cleared off their shelves. Display books by age, group and genre. Pair with a literacy week event or read-aloud campaigns at your school.

Locally Grown Christmas Trees

Instead of selling wrapping paper for the holidays, how about selling locally grown Christmas trees? Save Hawai'i from invasive bugs and costly shipping. Purchase a locally grown Christmas tree and raise funds for your school! Helemano Farms offers advanced-sale Christmas tree tickets that organizations can use for fundraising. Purchase tickets for \$30 and resell for \$40. Call (808) 372-7393 or visit www.HelemanoFarms.com to learn more.

Local Cookbook

Schools can collect recipes from students, staff, and prominent community members to create a cookbook, which is sold to members of the community and can feature locally grown produce and ingredients representing the school's multicultural heritage. Remember to ask that the books be printed on recycled paper.

Community-Supported Student Farmer's Market

Create a student-led club to harvest fruit and veggies from a school garden and/or accept donations from the community to sell at a Student Farmer's Market. Children learn how to market their produce and can put funds raised back into their school garden or other related programs.

Healthy Food Sales

Schools can sell healthy food products such as fruit, trail mix, spices, or granola bars. Please note that all food sold as school fundraisers must comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines and Hawai'i State DOE Wellness Policy. For more information visit: <http://doe.k12.hi.us/foodservice/toolkit/nutritionstandards/ns2.htm>.

Recycling Drive

Organize a HI-5 beverage container drive. Recycling companies also purchase used items, such as printer cartridges and cell phones, from schools.

Reusable Water Bottles

EcoUsable reusable bottle company offers two sustainable fundraising solutions for schools:

1. Register for their EcoRaising School Fundraising Program online - Parents, students, family and friends receive 10% off their entire order! On a quarterly basis, your school will receive 15% of the gross revenues generated from all sales.
2. Design a branded water bottle that can be sold to raise funds and promote your schools' Plastic Free commitment. Sell your custom school water bottle at events and the school store.

To learn more about these programs or to sign-up your school, visit www.EcoUsable.com/ecoraising or contact ecoraising@ecousable.com.

School Swap Meet

Recycle and earn money for the school at a School Swap Meet. Instead of spending way too much money on gifts, students may exchange their gently used things and shop for reused books, toys, and clothes. Save a ton of money, get rid of old items (saving space for "new" ones) and support a great cause, your school! All remaining items may be donated to a local charity.

Seed Packets & Plant Sale

Buy seeds in bulk and repackage through a student-run seed company or grow and save seeds from home and school gardens. Download a great Seed School Curriculum at FedcoSeeds.com and some fundraising tips at www.seedsofchange.com/healthy-fundraising.aspx. This could also expand to seedlings, plants and compost sales.

Totes

Reusable shopping totes branded with the school logo can help build school spirit, raise funds, and reduce single use plastics in our islands.

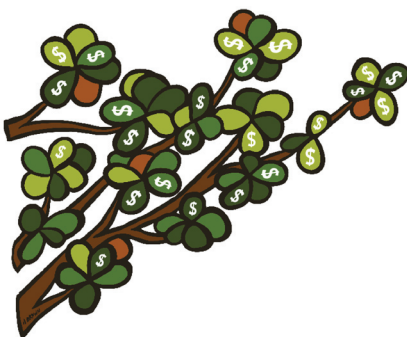
- www.Econscious.net
- www.OneBagAtATime.com
- www.ChicoBag.com
- www.ReusableBags.com

Walk-a-thons, Bowl-a-thons & Other Sports-Related Activities

Raise significant funds and promote physical activity for students. Organize grade, club, and/or family team entries for Fun Runs, Tennis Tournaments, and more!

Avoid

- Bake/Food Sales (All food sales must comply with Nutrition Standards and Wellness Guidelines.)
- Wrapping Paper Sales
- Magazine subscriptions
- Car Washes



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For more information, visit KokuaHawaiiFoundation.org.

