

SLU 201

FUNDRAISING PLAN



JULY 12 - 16, 2027



WE WANT TO SEE YOU AT SLU201

JULY 12 - 16, 2027
WASHINGTON, D.C.

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1 **Think and pray** about this trip.
- 2 Fill out ***Fundraising Planner*** and **show plan** to parent, pastor, educator or group leader.
- 3 **Register** online and develop a plan of action.
- 4 **Schedule monthly check-ups** on money raised vs. funds still needed via *Fundraising Calendar*. Meet all payment deadlines.
- 5 **Share with @SLULEAD your fundraising ideas** that helped you in the next step of the journey and **pack your bags** to prepare for a trip of a lifetime!

ONLY \$4.67 A DAY,
\$33 PER WEEK
\$130 PER MONTH
UNTIL MAY 21ST
(AT AVERAGE OF \$1169**
BEFORE AIRFARE)

*Assuming you begin fundraising September 1, 2026



FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

9.1 | LET'S GO: Start Fundraising!!

TOTAL RAISED: _____

OCTOBER 2026

10.3 | Plan out a **new fundraising idea** for the month

10.24 | Start Investing in your **SLU 201 Leader Library** to Prepare for this Experience

TOTAL RAISED: _____

NOVEMBER 2026

11.01 | Check out the **Reading List** to start some great books before you arrive!

11.13 | Early Bird Registration Deadline
Groups: \$1129 // Singles: \$1149

TOTAL RAISED: _____

DECEMBER 2026

12.4 | Send **Thank You Letters** to those who have given toward your trip.

TOTAL RAISED: _____

JANUARY 2027

1.1 | Consider Entering **SLU 201 Essay Contest!** Deadline is June 25, 2027.

1.22 | Consider adding **transportation costs** to your overall fundraising goal.

1.25 | Have you checked out the SLU Podcast, ***Chasing Elephants***, yet?

TOTAL RAISED: _____

FEBRUARY 2027

2.5 | Begin Preparing Your Heart and Mind for this Leadership Experience.

TOTAL RAISED: _____

MARCH 2027

3.26 | Regular Base Price Deadline
Groups: \$1149 // Singles: \$1169
**As long as space is still available.*

TOTAL RAISED: _____

APRIL 2027

4.13 | 90 Days Out From Departure:
Start Watching the News!

TOTAL RAISED: _____

MAY 2027

5.21 | Summer Base Price Registration Deadline:
Groups: \$1189 // Singles: \$1209
**As long as space is still available.*

5.28 | 45 Days Out From Departure:
Final Payment Due

TOTAL RAISED: _____

JUNE 2027

6.25 | Essay Contest Deadline

JULY 2027

7.12 | Travel to D.C. - SLU 201 Begins

7.17 | Follow-Up Letter Explaining Impact of Your Trip to Sponsors!

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FUNDRAISINGtips+RESOURCES

1. BE CREATIVE.

We have heard stories of different fundraisers including car washes, GoFundMe/[Givebutter pages](#), Mothers' Day flower sales, bake sales, chicken pot pie sales, part-time jobs, etc. that have gotten our past students to SLU 201. Be creative, and don't limit what you can do!

2. WRITE A LETTER + BLOG TO SPONSORS.

Write well-crafted sponsor letters, highlighting the 20-year head-start in leadership which is gained through this program and how the first level, SLU 101, has already impacted your life. You can even include the SLU 201 Components that you will be learning. Start brainstorming by reading the SLU Resource: ["How to Write a Powerful Sponsor Letter."](#)

3. DESIGN CUSTOM ITEMS TO SELL.

Anything from custom t-shirts, art prints, stickers, journals, water-bottles, etc. that fits your community's needs are great options.

4. HOST A SPONSOR DINNER AT YOUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL.

A couple of ideas to get the mind turning...Partnering with youth pastor or teacher to plan and host a Surf and Turf Date Night, Valentines' Day Banquet, Church-Wide Luau, Golf Tournament, or Fall Festival. If your church has a cafe, volunteer and see if a portion of Sunday morning cafe sales can go to both mission trips and SLU.

5. WRITE YOUR OWN IDEA.

SET **S.M.A.R.T. GOALS**, AND FILL OUT PROGRESS ON FUNDRAISING CALENDAR.



fund raising ideas

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FUNDRAISING PLANNER

AMOUNT RAISED **BEFORE REGISTRATION OPENED:** _____

SEPTEMBER 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

OCTOBER 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

NOVEMBER 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

DECEMBER 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____



“Five years from now, you will be the same person you are today...except for the **people you meet**, the **places you go**, the **books you read**, and the **Scripture you memorize**.”

JANUARY 2027

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GOAL \$: _____

FEBRUARY 2027

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

MARCH 2027

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

APRIL 2027

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

MAY 2027

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GOAL \$: _____

YOU DID IT. LET'S GO TO SLU 201!