

WONDER

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

FUNDRAISER IDEAS


We recognize the significant cost of an event like NYC '26, and Florida NYI would like to encourage all participants and local churches to consider creative fundraising efforts to minimize the financial impact associated with the cost of the event.

Churches - After careful consideration and the blessing of the District Advisory Board, we are excited to offer a district matching scholarship to all student registrants this year. Any scholarship funds from the local church will be matched by the district up to \$300. Local NYC contacts will be responsible to confirm their student's eligibility with the District NYC Coordinator. Students/Parents, please check with your local church to confirm eligibility.

Example: If a local church offers \$500 in scholarship per student—through fundraising, designated offerings, or out of the local church budget—the district will match the first \$300.

We **strongly** encourage NYC registrants to raise funds individually and as a local church to help cover the cost of attending NYC. Below are several fundraising ideas that we believe will help you cover half (or more) of your cost to attend NYC '26.

SUPER SIMPLE


 **SPONSOR THE MONTH:** This is one very simple fundraiser that if completed will raise \$496. This fundraiser uses a calendar for the month of July 2026 (see attached) to ask 31 people sponsor you. Each person will choose one day of the month and write their name on that day. By writing their name on that day they will sponsor the amount for that day of the month (the 10th is \$10, the 21st is \$21, etc.).


Larger Churches could scale this up to seeking 100 sponsors through something like the 100 Envelopes Fundraiser which has the capacity to raise over \$5,000. Encourage your students to sponsor some of the days to show their buy-in (10 days are \$10 or less!).


OUTSIDE CHURCH WALLS


While we love giving our local congregations the opportunity to financially support students having life changing experiences at events like NYC, we know our people's giving is ultimately limited.


These ideas might require a little more effort but are well worth the energy to go outside the church walls and many show your community that your teens are doing something exciting.

 **LETTER WRITING AND ONLINE CAMPAIGNS:** Another great way to fundraise is to reach out to everyone you know. This is the time to skip the group you already asked to participate in your calendar fundraising and reach a little farther. You and your parents may have friends, family, people who knew you as a small child, etc. who would love to share \$10 to help you attend this life changing event. Make sure you share the what and the why in your letter and/or posts.

 **BACK TO BASICS:** You can still do all the standard fundraisers! Consider having a car wash, a yard sale, a bake sale, a silent auction and more! All of these “old-school” options are still great options! Consider having a parent take charge of arrangements.

 **SELLING FUNDRAISERS:** There are plenty of companies out there that partner with groups and organizations to help them fundraise. You may already know of some great options for these, but if you are looking for some simple options that also ship anywhere, check out Double Good Popcorn and Mrs. Fields Fundraising (Fun fact – Mrs. Fields operates out of Salt Lake City!) Both of these companies have good margins and offer virtual fundraising options. Some churches have had great success having journals made and selling them to friends and family.

 **SPONSORED EVENTS:** Local businesses are often willing to sponsor events for a good cause. For instance, if you run a car wash, businesses can sponsor it to be advertised at your wash. Alternatively, you could host a golf tournament at a local club and get sponsors for each hole. Maybe your church could sponsor the first hole! Almost any public event you host could be worth seeking sponsors for.

 **LEVERAGE YOUR SPENDING:** See if your church can sign up for rewards from popular rewards for charities like Amazon Smile. These programs allow you to choose a charity to get a percentage of your spending! Some restaurants will also do Spirit Nights where a portion of their sales can go toward supporting your students going to NYC. Call around and be sure to advertise the Spirit Night at your church and in your neighborhoods.

A COUPLE MORE OPTIONS

🏔️ **MONTHLY CHURCH DINNERS/LUNCHESES:** Consider hosting a dinner or lunch at church every month that students, sponsors, and parents put on. Charge a standard fee per person or per family and use any amount above cost of food toward student's NYC cost.

🏔️ **WORK FOR IT:** Find someone who could use some extra help (there are probably several people in your congregation who do!) and see if you can work for them to raise money. Consider what you can do—or what you can learn to do—that others need. Maybe people need a babysitter, a gardener, a dog sitter, a house sitter, a farm hand, someone to paint, someone to mow, etc. Consider posting on your social media and/or in your church bulletin!

If you have any questions, please email Josh Turner – NYC Coordinator – at josh@hernaz.org

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