



YWAM GRANADA · DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

Your Fundraising Guide

How to raise the support you need, one conversation at a time.

Where God guides, He provides.

Inside: a 5-step plan, a number worksheet, letter and message templates, a printable checklist and a supporter tracker.

You are not asking for charity. You are inviting people into mission.

Most YWAM students raise at least part of their costs, and many begin with little or nothing saved. Raising support is part of the journey: people pray for you, give, and share in what God does through you. Many students tell us this process grew their faith before they even arrived.

Pray first

Ask God who to talk to and what to trust Him for. Start every week of fundraising with prayer.

Do your part

Use savings, work extra hours, sell what you no longer need. Then invite others to join you.

Ask personally

A kind, specific, personal ask works far better than one post to everyone.

As soon as you are accepted

Pray, fill in your number, write your list, talk to your pastor.

Weeks 1 and 2

Write your letter and have your first 10 conversations.

Weeks 3 to 6

Ask the rest of your list. Follow up once.

Every 2 to 4 weeks

Send an update. Thank every gift within 48 hours.

Before your fee dates

Check the dates with our team and tell us how it is going.

Before you fly

Thank everyone and ask them to keep praying.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

STEP 1

Know your number

Fill this in before you talk to anyone. People give more easily to a clear, honest figure.

	AMOUNT (€)
School fees (ask our team for your amount)	
Flights to Granada and back home	
Travel to your outreach destination	
Travel and health insurance	
Visa and documents	
Personal expenses (at least €40 a month)	
Anything else	
Total you need	
Money you already have (savings, work)	
Amount to raise	

Not sure about a figure? Write to ywamgranada@jcum.com and we will help you fill this in.

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STEP 2

Write your list

Aim for 50 names. You will not ask everyone and not everyone will give, but nearly everyone can pray.

1

Family

Parents, siblings, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins

2

Close friends

The people who already cheer you on

3

Your church

Pastor, small group, youth group, people who know you

4

Work and school

Current and former colleagues, teachers, classmates, your boss

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Wider network

Neighbours, clubs, teams, anyone who said "let me know if I can help"

Talk to your pastor early and ask for an introduction to the church. Many churches support members who go on mission.

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STEP 3

Tell your story

A good support letter fits on one page and answers five questions:

1. Why are you going? Share what God has been doing in you.
2. What will you do? Five months in Granada: 12 weeks of teaching, then 8 weeks of outreach.
3. What do you need? Your amount to raise, in one clear sentence.
4. How can they help? Pray, give, share it with a friend, or encourage you.
5. By when? Give a friendly date so people know when to decide.

LETTER TEMPLATE

Dear _____,

I am writing to share something that is on my heart. I have been accepted to a Discipleship Training School with YWAM in Granada, Spain, starting _____. For five months I will study God's word, serve in the city and then join an outreach team in the nations.

_____ (write two or three honest sentences about why you feel called to go).

I am trusting God to provide €_____ for the school, my travel and my expenses. Would you consider joining me? You can help by praying for me, by giving a gift, or both. Every one of them matters.

If you would like to give, reply to me and I will send you the details. I would love to talk it through in person or by phone, and a "no" or "not now" is completely fine.

Thank you for being part of my life.

_____ (your name)

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STEP 4

Ask, then follow up

- Start with the 10 people who know you best. Ask in person or by phone if you can.
- Be specific: "Would you consider giving €____?" Offer a one-time gift or a monthly one.
- Always leave room for a no. People give more freely when they feel free.
- Follow up once, kindly, after about two weeks. Silence usually means busy, not no.
- Before you send your letter, ask our team how supporters can give to your school costs.

SHORT MESSAGE TEMPLATE

Hi ____! I have some big news. I was accepted to a Discipleship Training School with YWAM in Granada, Spain, from ____ to _____. I am raising €_____ and would love for you to be part of it, by praying and, if you feel led, by giving. Can I call you this week to tell you more?

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STEP 5

Keep people close

People who give are partners, not donors. Keep them in the story.

- Thank every person within 48 hours. A handwritten note stands out.
- Send a short update every 2 to 4 weeks: a prayer request, a photo, what you are learning.
- Share what God does in Granada and on outreach. Your supporters are part of it.
- If you are behind, tell our team early. We will think it through with you.

Other ways to raise support

- Work extra shifts or take a short-term job
- Sell things you no longer need
- Small events: a dinner, a bake sale, a concert at church
- Ask your church about a missions offering

Planning a public campaign or an online fundraiser? Check with our team first.

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YOUR CHECKLIST

Tick it off

PREPARE

- ☐ I prayed about the amount and the people
- ☐ I filled in my number worksheet
- ☐ I asked the team about fee dates and how supporters give
- ☐ I talked with my pastor

BUILD YOUR LIST

- ☐ I wrote 50 names
- ☐ I sorted them into the five circles
- ☐ I chose the first 10 people to ask

SHARE YOUR STORY

- ☐ I wrote my support letter
- ☐ Someone I trust read it
- ☐ I made a short message version
- ☐ I have a good photo of myself to send

ASK

- ☐ I asked my first 10 in person or by phone
- ☐ I messaged the rest personally
- ☐ I followed up once after two weeks

KEEP PEOPLE CLOSE

- ☐ I thanked every giver within 48 hours
- ☐ I put an update reminder in my calendar
- ☐ I shared prayer requests
- ☐ I told the team how it is going this month

SUPPORTER TRACKER

Who, when and how it went

NAME	ASKED ON	ANSWER	AMOUNT (€)	THANKED

Questions? Write to us.

We would love to walk with you through this.

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We are already praying for you.

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