

WONDER

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

FUNDRAISER

We recognize the significant cost of an event like NYC '26, and Kansas 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 - For NYC '23 we offered a church matching scholarship. After careful consideration we decided that churches were supporting students regardless of the matching portion and have decided to lower the overall cost instead of using funds in this way. Please still provide scholarships and any additional support that you can to students attending.

We are *highly* encouraging you to fundraise both individually and as a local church to offset the costs of attending NYC. Below are several ways you can fundraise that we believe will help you cover half of your cost for NYC or more!

 **SPONSOR THE MONTH:** One simple fundraiser, if fully completed, will raise \$496. This fundraiser uses a calendar for the month of July 2026 (see attached) to have 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.). In order to best utilize the other fundraisers listed, we recommend that you choose one location to use this fundraiser. Maybe you take it to school and ask teachers, administrators, even friends (10 days are \$10 or less!). Other good groups may be sports teams, parent's places of employment, church members, etc.

 **ONLINE DONATION CAMPAIGN:** 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.

In the past we suggested doing a letter writing campaign or a Go Fund Me, but after researching we are suggesting your church consider using Better World. This platform allows you to set goals that can be tracked by donors, provide information about NYC '26, and have each student available to choose under one donation link. We are so impressed with this platform that we will be using it to collect general scholarships for NYC '26 as well. Find a link with more information and how to videos at KNYI.org/NYC.

 **MONTHLY CHURCH DINNERS/LUNCHES:** 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.

 **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 ship anywhere, we are suggesting 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 make virtual fundraising simple.

 **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!

 **LEVERAGE YOUR SPENDING:** See if your church can sign up for rewards from popular rewards for charities like Dillons Community Rewards or Amazon Smile. These programs allow you to choose a charity to get a percentage of your spending! Your church can use these funds toward NYC costs for students.

 **BACK TO BASICS:** You can still do all the standard fundraisers as well! 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.

If you have any questions, please email Brittany Ulmer – NYC Coordinator –
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