

SAMPLE FUNDRAISING LETTER FOR CONFERENCE

Dear _____,

We are contacting you on behalf of the [Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance] because we are planning to send a small delegation of students from _____ University to the National Collegiate Global Women's and Human Rights Conference. Members of the [FMLA] will attend the Conference from April 9-11, 2005 to learn more about the lives of women around the world and the issues that they face.

Why We Want to Go:

The National Collegiate Global Women's and Human Right's Conference will offer workshops and feature speakers on current feminist issues such as:

- International family planning funding and U.S. policies
- Overwhelmingly female-dominated sweatshop labor
- The spread of religious fundamentalism and its effects on women
- Advocacy for Afghan women and girls and others in the Middle Eastern region
- The eradication of all forms of violence against women

Why We Need to Go:

As the next generation of feminist activists, we must approach our feminism from a global perspective. In order to work as allies of women around the world who encounter constant barriers to their fundamental human rights, it is important to be aware of their struggles to achieve equality. Now, more than ever, we must be educated and empowered to act upon what we learn.

What We Need to Get There:

In order to achieve our goal of attending the Conference, we need to cover costs of transportation, accommodations, and conference fees. Our delegation estimates that costs will be approximately \$100 per person to cover the two-night stay at a hotel and conference fees. Additionally, we must raise the necessary funds for the trip to Washington, DC. We are contacting you today to ask for your help. As a powerful force on the _____ campus, you have the ability to inspire women and men to do extraordinary things. Were it not for people like you, the feminist movement would not nearly be as strong or as vocal as it is today. As young feminists, we look to continue the work begun by our predecessors as well as gain new knowledge and insights about the lives of women across the world. We will undoubtedly be able to send a delegation to the Conference, provided we are able to secure the necessary resources.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

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