Funding Your Field Trip

If your school doesn’t have the budget, there are still ways to find the money to get out of the classroom. Below are a couple tried and tested funding sources and applying for them won’t take up all of your free time.

Teaching the Hudson Valley

This wonderful local resource will help fund your trips to Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Ulster, or Westchester counties. See the attached sheet with more information on how to apply. As far as grants go, it’s pretty easy to figure out and THV is very helpful in getting the grant completed.

**Tip:** Your time at the Teaching the Hudson Valley Summer Institute can count towards your match

**Tip:** THV has tips and helpful guides on how to complete all the necessary paperwork

**Tip:** Take lots of photos and after your field trip you or one of your students can write a blog post to be featured on Teaching the Hudson Valley’s blog. This is a great way to really make the trip come full circle and give students a chance to see themselves being published.


DonorsChoose.org

DonorsChoose makes it easy for teachers to “crowdfund”, or raise money to fund a project with small donations from a large number of donors. DonorsChoose allows you to raise funds for everything from classroom textbooks to paying for overnight lodging on field trips. Once you create your “campaign” (or your request for field trip funding) it goes off to the internet for kind hearted donors to donate anywhere from $1 to thousands!

**Tip:** Use pictures, anecdotes and stories to make your request engaging and eye catching

**Tip:** Have friends and family share your campaign on social media to widen your donor pool

**Tip:** Give a detailed description of what you are asking for and what the need is, engaging descriptions get more attention.

Visit [https://www.donorschoose.org/teachers](https://www.donorschoose.org/teachers) to start your first project request.