Financing your IUHPFL Study Abroad Experience

Sponsorship
- Speak with relatives and family friends about sponsoring your IUHPFL experience
- Save birthday and holiday monetary gifts
- Open a savings account to collect funds
- Make a list of local community and business organizations
  ◦ Schedule visits
  ◦ Before students are accepted: Create and send out personalized IUHPFL letters (see sample letter)
  ◦ After students are accepted: Create and send out personalized IUHPFL letters (see sample letter). Sponsorship funds should be paid directly to the student/guardian.
  ◦ Contact your foreign language or other trusted teacher for a letter of recommendation to add to the sponsorship letter
  ◦ Follow up with organizations within one to three weeks
- Create a "gift list" by itemizing the IUHPFL trip expenses and asking people to support one item
  ◦ Example: Fund the Normandy excursion, literature class, host family stay, etc.

Fundraising
School/team oriented fundraising ideas
- Bake sale
- Garage sale
- Car wash
- Auction
  ◦ Ask local organizations (museums, theatres, sports teams, etc.) to sponsor your IUHPFL experience
  ◦ Ask for donations of tickets, entrance fees, memorabilia, etc.
  ◦ Offer yourselves as workers during the auction (for yard work, house painting, cleaning)
- Raffle
- Spaghetti dinner
- Silent auction
- Pancake breakfast
- Game tournament - (board games or other)
- Collect printer cartridges, cell phones, scrap metal and exchange for money
- Book-A-Thon - collect pledges for reading a number of pages - requires parent or teacher to sign-off

Individual student/family fundraising ideas
Part-time Work
- Babysitting
- Dog sitting
- Lawn mowing
- Snow and leaf removal
- Shopping service - offer to run errands or buy and deliver groceries
- Part-time work at local business
- Yard work
- Cleaning

Grants—See IUHPFL website for a list of scholarships, grants, and other fundraising ideas