



## **GoFundMe for College**

*A Guidebook to Help Students Pay for Tuition and Other College Expenses*

## GoFundMe: College Tuition and Expenses

GoFundMe today released a new guidebook highlighting the growing trend of college students who are increasingly turning to GoFundMe to pay for tuition and other costs associated with college.

This guidebook includes three sections:

1. **National Data:**

- New national data about the growing trend of students using social fundraising to pay for school.

2. **Step-by-Step Instructions and Tips to Launch a Successful GoFundMe:**

- Step-by-step instructions and important tips for students about how to create a successful GoFundMe to raise money for college.

3. **State-Specific Data:**

- State-specific data about the cost of college and information about students in your state who have turned to GoFundMe to help reduce their college costs.

GoFundMe today also released a new college fundraising hub, which will serve as a resource for students and their communities. We want to make it as easy as possible for GoFundMe donors to find students, as well as giving students and their families the tips and tools they need for a successful campaign. Students and donors can visit the college fundraising hub here: <https://www.gofundme.com/college-tuition-fundraising>

With GoFundme, college students can reduce their tuition bill by hundreds, and in some cases, thousands of dollars per year. With the average college graduate in 2016 facing \$37,172 in student loan debt, the need for help with education costs in this country is clear. That's why more and more students are realizing that, with just few clicks, they are able to start a GoFundMe to help reduce the burden.

GoFundMe has made this new new data available to all students, parents, faculty and staff at college campuses across the country to show how easy it is to reduce a student's bills.

GoFundMe will continue to share tips and best practices directly with students to empower them to start campaigns. We want to make it as easy as possible to quickly raise funds to pay for tuition and other college costs.



## Chapter 1: National Data

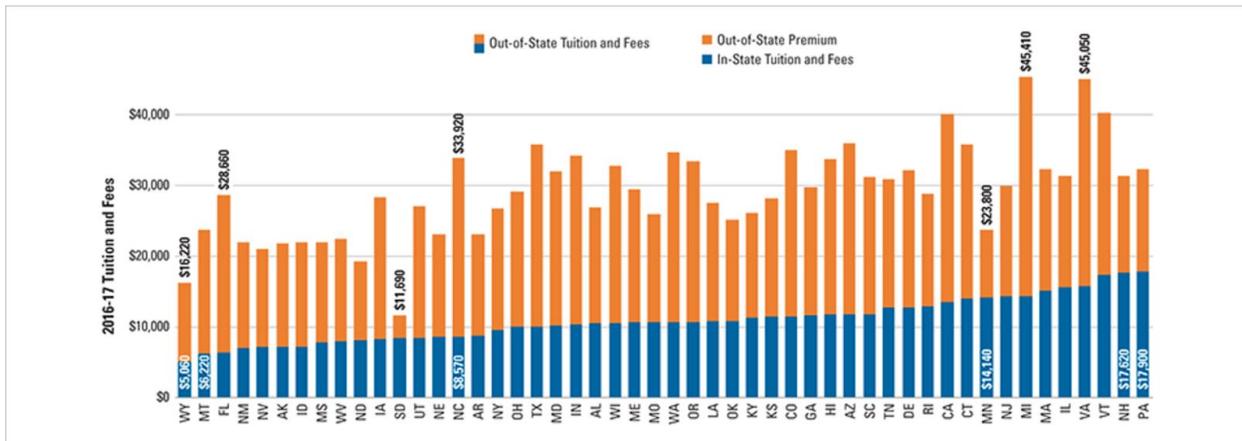
Over the past several years, students, teachers, and parents are increasingly turning to GoFundMe to raise money for education expenses, including tuition. In fact, in the last three years, over 130,000 GoFundMes have raised \$60 million from over 850,000 donations for college tuition and related campaigns.

**GoFundMe Data: 2014-Present**  
**GoFundMe Campaigns For College Expenses: 130,000**  
**Total Money Raised: \$60 Million**  
**Total Donations: Over 850,000**

Each and every day, we see students create campaigns to buy books and computers, pay for their room and board, and chip away at their tuition bills.

As college costs continue to rise and students continue to accumulate more and more debt, it's important to remember that there are folks out there who want to help. Not only can friends, family members, and people in your social networks donate to your campaign, there are thousands of alumni and other organizations looking to lend a helping hand. All you have to do is jump online and create a GoFundMe.

According to the College Board: "In 2016-17, average published tuition and fee prices for in-state students at public four-year institutions range from \$5,060 in Wyoming and \$6,360 in Florida to \$15,450 in Vermont and \$15,650 in New Hampshire." And that number increases significantly if you're an out-of-state student. This chart below from the College Board lays out the yearly costs for each state for in-state and out-of-state students. Starting a GoFundMe can reduce this cost by hundreds, and even thousands of dollars.



**Cost Of Public Four Year In State Tuition**

<a href="#">Alabama</a>	\$10,040	<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	\$12,276	<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	\$9,518
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	\$7,130	<a href="#">Michigan</a>	\$12,464	<a href="#">Texas</a>	\$9,566
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	\$10,957	<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	\$10,952	<a href="#">Utah</a>	\$6,581
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	\$8,247	<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	\$7,409	<a href="#">Vermont</a>	\$15,446
<a href="#">California</a>	\$9,346	<a href="#">Missouri</a>	\$8,632	<a href="#">Virginia</a>	\$12,323
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	\$10,257	<a href="#">Montana</a>	\$6,409	<a href="#">Washington</a>	\$9,265
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	\$11,734	<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	\$7,883	<a href="#">West Virginia</a>	\$7,488
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	\$11,935	<a href="#">Nevada</a>	\$6,907	<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	\$8,928
<a href="#">DC</a>	\$7,844	<a href="#">New Hampshire</a>	\$15,650	<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	\$5,055
<a href="#">Florida</a>	\$6,356	<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	\$13,560		
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	\$8,453	<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	\$6,618		
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	\$10,671	<a href="#">New York</a>	\$7,707		
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	\$7,010	<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	\$7,203		
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	\$13,278	<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	\$7,884		
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	\$9,201	<a href="#">Ohio</a>	\$10,266		
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	\$8,271	<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	\$8,026		
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	\$8,917	<a href="#">Oregon</a>	\$9,693		
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	\$9,953	<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	\$13,884		
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	\$8,900	<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	\$11,407		
<a href="#">Maine</a>	\$9,687	<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	\$12,192		
<a href="#">Maryland</a>	\$9,366	<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	\$8,138		

## Top Ten States For Students Raising Funds on GoFundMe

State	Total Number of Campaigns	Total Amount Raised
California	15,338	\$8.3M
Texas	10,152	\$4.6M
New York	6,844	\$4.2M
Florida	8,468	\$3.4M
Georgia	6,887	\$2.9M
Illinois	5,266	\$2.6M
Massachusetts	2,602	\$2M
North Carolina	5,162	\$1.9M
Pennsylvania	4,314	\$1.9M
Ohio	4,225	\$1.6M

## Notable Campaigns

Campaign	Amount Raised
<a href="#"><u>E-Jayy!.. "From COMPTON 2 HARVARD!"</u></a>	\$21,108
<a href="#"><u>Let's get Ashley to College!</u></a>	\$12,540
<a href="#"><u>Keegan's Stonehill College Funding</u></a>	\$11,340
<a href="#"><u>Khalil Bridges' College Fund</u></a>	\$48,925
<a href="#"><u>Send Vicente to College</u></a>	\$9,315
<a href="#"><u>Help Gaza Student Attend CUNY</u></a>	\$8,995



## **Chapter 2: Step-by-Step Instructions to Create a GoFundMe**

# How to Create a GoFundMe for College

Now that you've read how much you can raise, you're ready to create a campaign. Below you will find step-by-step instructions to create a GoFundMe as well as some tips and tricks to successfully raise money.

## Step 1: Visit [GoFundMe.com/college-tuition-fundraising](https://www.gofundme.com/college-tuition-fundraising) And Click "Start A Campaign"



## Step 2: Set Your Goal

Hi Bobby, enter your goal ↷

**\$ 3000**

## Step 3. Write A Catchy Title

My Campaign Title

Let's Get Bobby To College!

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## Step 4: Set Your Category And Enter Your Zip Code

Category

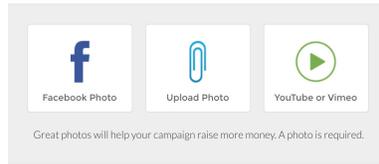
 Education & Learning ▼

ZIP or Postal Code

94063 - Redwood City, CA

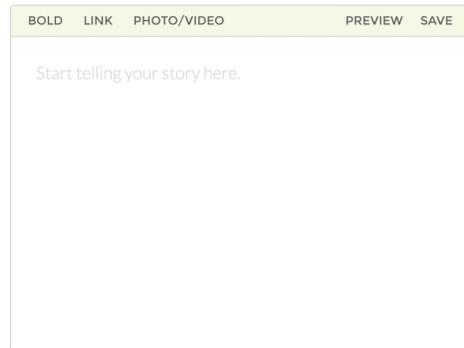
## Step 5. Add a Photo Or Video To Make Your Campaign Stand Out

Add a photo or video ↷



## Step 6. Write Your GoFundMe's Description

Tell your story ↷



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## Step 7: Link Your Facebook Account And Share Your Campaign With Your Friends And Family



## **5 Tips for a Successful GoFundMe for Tuition**

### **1. Share Your Accomplishments and Hard Work**

It takes a lot of hard work to get accepted to college! To rally as much support as possible from your friends and family, share stories of your achievements and sacrifices that have helped you get into college.

You should mention:

- Your awards, honors, and extracurricular activities
- What you plan to do in college and why (chosen major, study abroad trips, clubs, etc.)
- Which college you plan to attend and what kinds of expenses you'll have
- How appreciative you will be for their help

### **2. Add Expenses as Wish List Items**

Do you need a new laptop or books? Maybe a plane ticket for study abroad trip or furniture for a dorm room?

If so, we suggest making a Wish List. This way, donors can choose to fund specific expenses. Wish Lists can encourage more donations and make it easy to keep track of your progress!

### **3. Spread the Word to Your Friends and Family**

Now that your campaign is ready, you'll want to share your campaign link with everyone you know. Use the built-in sharing tools to let your family and friends know through Facebook, email, and texts. Reaching out to your favorite high school teachers or coaches is a great way to broaden your audience, too!

Another great way to rally support is to hold a graduation party or get together, where you can let others know about your campaign in person. Having a laptop handy makes it quick and easy for your attendees to make donations, and is a fun way to kick off the campaign!

You can also share your GoFundMe campaign offline by printing a poster. Simply log in to your GoFundMe Account at [www.gofundme.com/sign-in](http://www.gofundme.com/sign-in). Click the 'Share' button at the top of your Dashboard, then click 'Print a campaign sign'.

#### **4. Post Frequent Updates and Photos**

The best way to keep up the momentum on your campaign is to post frequent updates to keep your supporters in the loop. Posting updates allows you to share your progress with them, keep them interested in your journey, and encourage continued sharing and donating.

Also, be sure to share pictures of how you are getting ready for college, whether it's packing up your room or touring your new school—your supporters will be excited to see what's in store for you!

#### **5. Show Your Appreciation**

Let everyone know how much you appreciate their support, and how meaningful their contributions are during this thrilling time in your life. Be sure to send thank-you notes to your donors! This will make them feel appreciated, and will encourage them to share your campaign with others as well.

We hope these tips will help you fulfill your college aspirations, and we wish you the very best on your journey!

Organizers of education campaigns are in a unique position to say thanks using messages, photos, or video from those who benefited from the campaign. Send personal thank-you messages to your supporters so they know what a difference they made. Who knows, maybe they will want to make a donation to a similar campaign next school year!

## Tips for Donors

### **1. Donors fully protected -- we guarantee it**

Our platform is backed by the GoFundMe Guarantee, the first and only guarantee for crowdfunding. The GoFundMe Guarantee adds unprecedented security to all stages of the giving experience. Donors will now be protected by a refund policy in the very rare cases of campaign misuse, and funds raised by GoFundMe campaigns are guaranteed to go to the right person, ensuring donors' intentions are honored and the recipient gets the help they need. Users can learn more about the GoFundMe Guarantee at [gofundme.com/guarantee](https://gofundme.com/guarantee).

As more than 25 million donors already know, GoFundMe is the safest, most secure platform for giving. Campaigns with misuse make up less than one tenth of one percent of all campaigns. As the largest online fundraising platform in the world, GoFundMe is able to provide this guarantee so donors and recipients never have to worry about the rare cases where something goes wrong.

### **2. We're looking out for you**

Our top priority is a safe, seamless donation process. To achieve that, we employ state-of-the-art fraud-prevention technologies and a team of dedicated specialists working to protect you around the clock.

### **3. Get to know the campaign**

If you want to know more about a specific campaign, contact the Campaign Organizer directly by clicking the icon next to their name on the campaign page. [Learn more](#) about the transparency guidelines that we urge all campaign organizers to follow.

### **4. Still have questions?**

Just ask. Our team is here to help, and we'll get back to you with a rapid response in 5 minutes or less.



## Chapter 3: State-Specific Data

# ALABAMA

**Alabama College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Alabama: \$10,040**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Alabama: 1,506**  
**Total Money Raised: 565,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 9,622**

## College Fund for Abbey Walker

The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, there are navigation links for 'gofundme', 'Search', and 'Dashboard'. On the right, there are buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main image shows a man and a woman smiling. To the right of the image, it says '\$20,400 of \$20k goal' with a progress bar. Below that, it says 'Raised by 307 people in 3 months'. There are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. Below the image, the title 'College Fund for Abbey Walker' is displayed, along with 'Share' and 'Tweet' buttons and '1.3K shares'. At the bottom of the image area, there are tabs for 'Story' and 'Updates 2'. To the right of the image area, it says 'Created October 25, 2016'. Below that, it says 'Lynne Moyers on behalf of Abbey Walker' with an American flag icon, and 'Education BIRMINGHAM, AL'. Below that, there is a 'Recent Donations' section with a dropdown arrow. The first donation listed is '\$100 Jane Ross 1 month ago' with a 'Share' button and a heart icon.

As most of you know, sadly, Abbey's dad died in a car crash on Oct 22. Steve unfortunately did not have any life insurance, so we are setting up this account to raise money to help Abbey with her expenses for her remaining time at the University of Alabama. We ask that in lieu of flowers, that everyone please make a donation to this fund to help Abbey finish her college education with as little stress as possible. In just 2 1/2 short years, she has endured the loss of her brother, Stephen, and now her beloved dad, Steve.

# ALASKA

## Alaska College Data

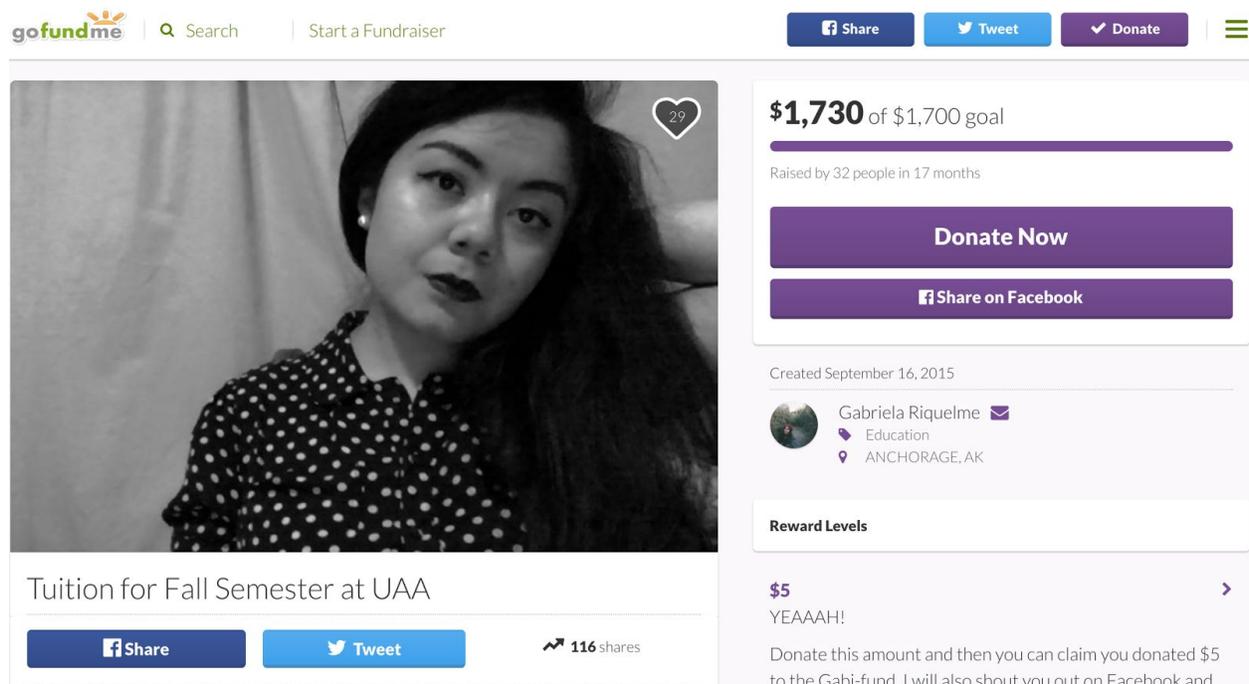
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Alaska: \$7,130

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Alaska: 250

Total Money Raised: 124,000

Total Number of Donations: 1,659

## Tuition For Fall Semester At UAA



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the GoFundMe logo, a search bar, and a 'Start a Fundraiser' button. On the right, there are buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main content area features a video thumbnail of a woman with long dark hair wearing a polka-dot shirt. To the right of the video, it shows the campaign title 'Tuition for Fall Semester at UAA', a progress bar indicating '\$1,730 of \$1,700 goal', and a 'Donate Now' button. Below the progress bar, it says 'Raised by 32 people in 17 months'. There are also buttons for 'Share on Facebook' and 'Share'. The campaign was created on September 16, 2015, by Gabriela Riquelme, who is located in Anchorage, AK. A 'Reward Levels' section shows a \$5 reward with the text 'YEAAAHH!' and a description: 'Donate this amount and then you can claim you donated \$5 to the Gabi-fund. I will also shout you out on Facebook and...'. The video thumbnail has a heart icon with the number 29.

I found out at the last minute that my scholarship fell through.

I've already paid the portion the scholarship doesn't cover. I have until Friday 9/18 to come up with the rest to reverse the late fee that has been placed on my university account. I know it's not realistic to believe that this much money can be raised in such a short amount of time, but honestly, anything helps.

# ARIZONA

**Arizona College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Arizona: \$**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Arizona: 2,913**  
**Total Money Raised: \$1.2 million**  
**Total Number of Donations: 18,400**

## College Tuition

The screenshot displays a GoFundMe campaign titled "college tuition" by Isaac Duran. The campaign has a goal of \$15,000 and has raised \$13,650 from 16 donors in 12 months. The campaign was created on January 18, 2016. Isaac Duran's profile is visible, showing he is a student in Peoria, AZ. A recent donation of \$13,650 by user JG is also shown.

Hi! My name is Isaac Duran and I am an aspiring medical student. I start college this fall and I cannot wait to push forward my future! I am starting this Go Fund Me account in order to raise money for my college tuition. I come from a low income family of nine and my parents have both recently become unemployed and can no longer contribute any money to my tuition. Thus I am turning to the generosity of anyone who has the means to give in order to put myself through school. I am a first generation college student and I want to pave the way for my siblings to go to college more than anything by first making it through college myself. Any contribution that anyone can make would mean the world to me and would allow me to focus on my school rather than tuition.

# ARKANSAS

**Arkansas College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Arkansas: \$8,247**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Arkansas: 840**  
**Total Money Raised: 261,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 4,600**

## [Ayanna Worsham College Fund](#)

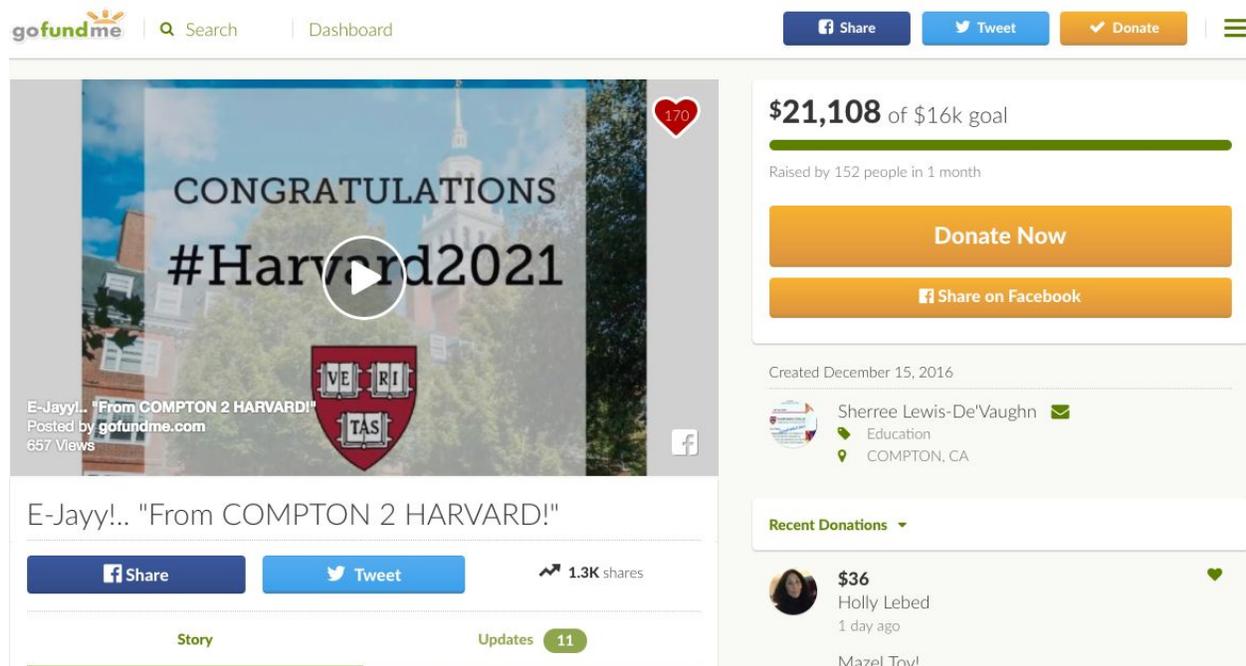
The screenshot shows the GoFundMe page for the Ayanna Worsham College Fund. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Search', 'Dashboard', and social media sharing options for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main content area features a large photo of Ayanna Worsham, a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a purple t-shirt with the 'UCA' logo. To the right of the photo is a progress bar showing that \$6,935 has been raised out of a \$4,000 goal, with a note that it was raised by 56 people in 2 months. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The page also indicates it was created on November 10, 2016, and is run by Ayanna Worsham on behalf of herself, with a location in Benton, AR. A 'Recent Donations' section is visible at the bottom, showing a donation of \$150 from Gloria Davis 2 months ago.

Ayanna is currently a student at UCA in Conway, AR pursuing a Business Administration Degree. Up until Gary's accident in February he was the sole provider for him and his family. Ayanna's mother passed away much too soon when she was just 3 years old. Ayanna is in need of tuition to continue her education at UCA. With her father in rehab, Ayanna is unable to meet financial requirements to continue at UCA. She must pay \$4,000 by December 15, 2016 to the university to carry on chasing her dreams.

# CALIFORNIA

**California College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In California: \$9,346**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In California: 15,338**  
**Total Money Raised: \$8.3 million**  
**Total Number of Donations: 122,155**

## [E-Jay!.. "From COMPTON 2 HARVARD!"](#)



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, the GoFundMe logo is on the left, and search, dashboard, share, tweet, and donate buttons are on the right. The main content area features a video player with a play button and the text 'CONGRATULATIONS #Harvard2021' over a background image of Harvard University. Below the video, the campaign title 'E-Jay!.. "From COMPTON 2 HARVARD!"' is displayed, along with 'Posted by gofundme.com' and '657 Views'. To the right of the video is a progress bar showing '\$21,108 of \$16k goal' and a 'Donate Now' button. Below the progress bar, it says 'Raised by 152 people in 1 month'. Further down, there are social media share buttons and a '1.3K shares' indicator. On the right side, the campaign creator's information is shown: 'Created December 15, 2016', 'Sherree Lewis-De'Vaughn', 'Education', and 'COMPTON, CA'. A 'Recent Donations' section lists two donors: 'Holly Lebed' for '\$36' and 'Mazel Tov!'.

Hi everyone, my name is Sherree, and my son, Elijah "E-Jay" DeVaughn, has achieved the improbable and made history in Compton -- acceptance to HARVARD UNIVERSITY class of 2021.

He could use your help making the improbable more possible. Though E-Jay has been awarded tuition and room and board, there are still many expenses not yet covered for the next 4 years at Harvard.

## COLORADO

### Colorado College Data

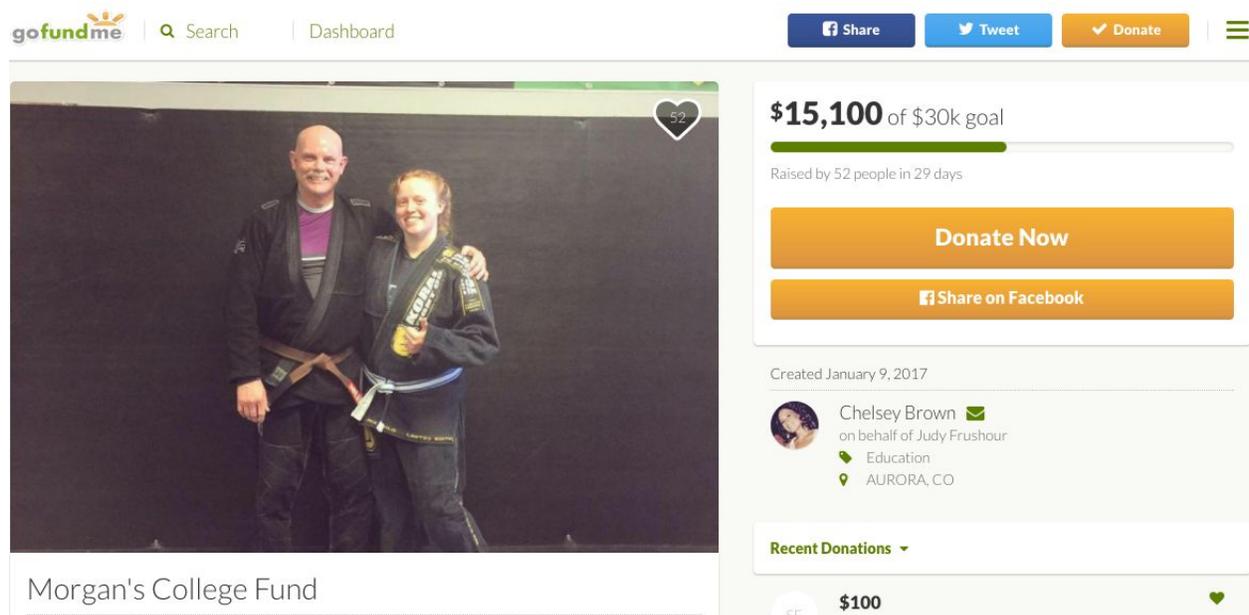
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Colorado: \$10,257**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Colorado: 2,386**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.17 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 16,400**

### Morgan's College Fund



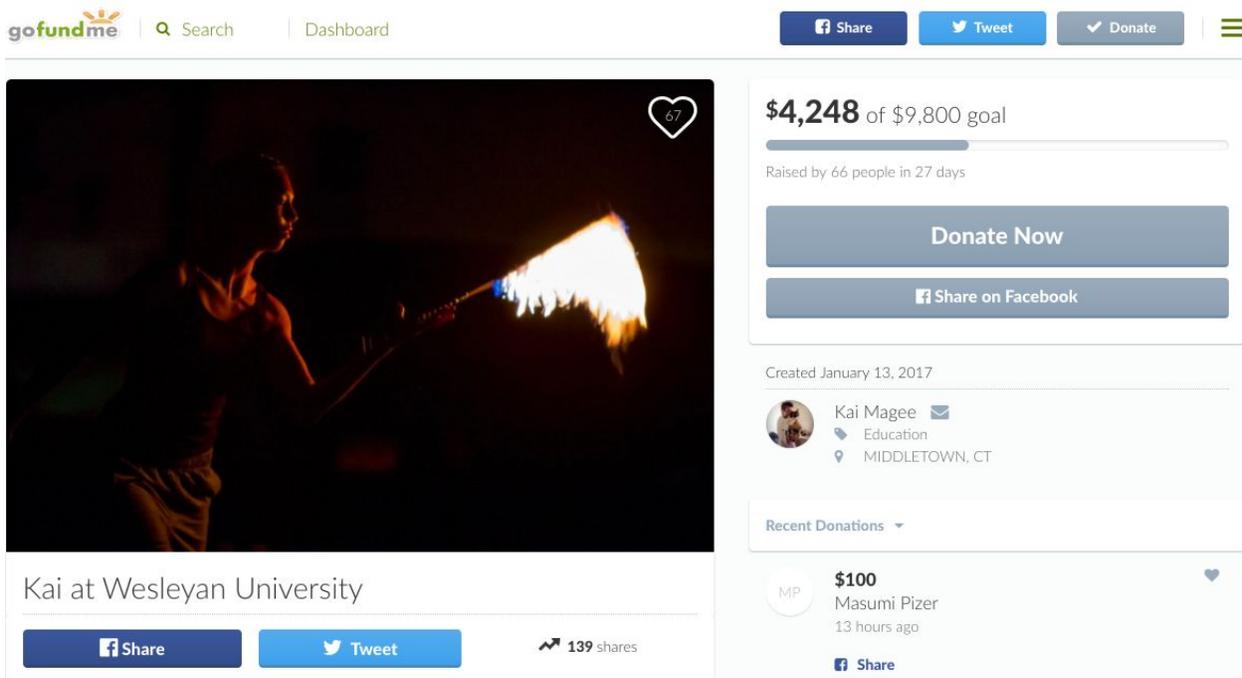
The screenshot shows a GoFundMe page for 'Morgan's College Fund'. The page features a photo of a man and a woman in martial arts uniforms. The fundraising progress is shown as \$15,100 of a \$30k goal, with a progress bar and a note that it was raised by 52 people in 29 days. There are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on January 9, 2017, by Chelsey Brown on behalf of Judy Frushour, located in Aurora, CO. A recent donation of \$100 is visible at the bottom.

Due to the overwhelming response of people wanting to help, asking how they can help, what they can do etc, we have created a gofundme account on behalf of George Frushour's unexpected passing to help pay for his youngest daughter's college tuition. Morgan is almost done with her sophomore year and has two years left. She attends Doane University in Nebraska, and is going to major in English with endorsements in secondary education and ELL. Luckily, she received tennis scholarships, so her 30K/year tuition is now 15K.

# CONNECTICUT

**Connecticut College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Connecticut: \$11,734**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Connecticut: 1,298**  
**Total Money Raised: 569,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 9,674**

## [Kai at Wesleyan University](#)



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top left is the GoFundMe logo and navigation links for Search and Dashboard. On the right are buttons for Share, Tweet, and Donate. The main image shows a person in a dark setting holding a large, glowing, flame-like object. To the right of the image is a progress bar showing \$4,248 raised of a \$9,800 goal, with a note that it was raised by 66 people in 27 days. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on January 13, 2017, by Kai Magee, who is listed as being in the Education field in Middletown, CT. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a \$100 donation from Masumi Pizer, made 13 hours ago.

Last November, I came out to my parents as transgender; they subsequently declared they no longer consider me family, but rather a stranger. Due to my family's withdrawal of financial support, I am at risk of losing my opportunity to earn a Bachelor's degree and a career path. I am currently unable to pay for the upcoming 2017-18 year at Wesleyan because I will not receive enough financial aid from the school or from the government as I am legally required to submit my parent's financial information on financial aid papers such as the FAFSA.

## DELAWARE

### Delaware College Data

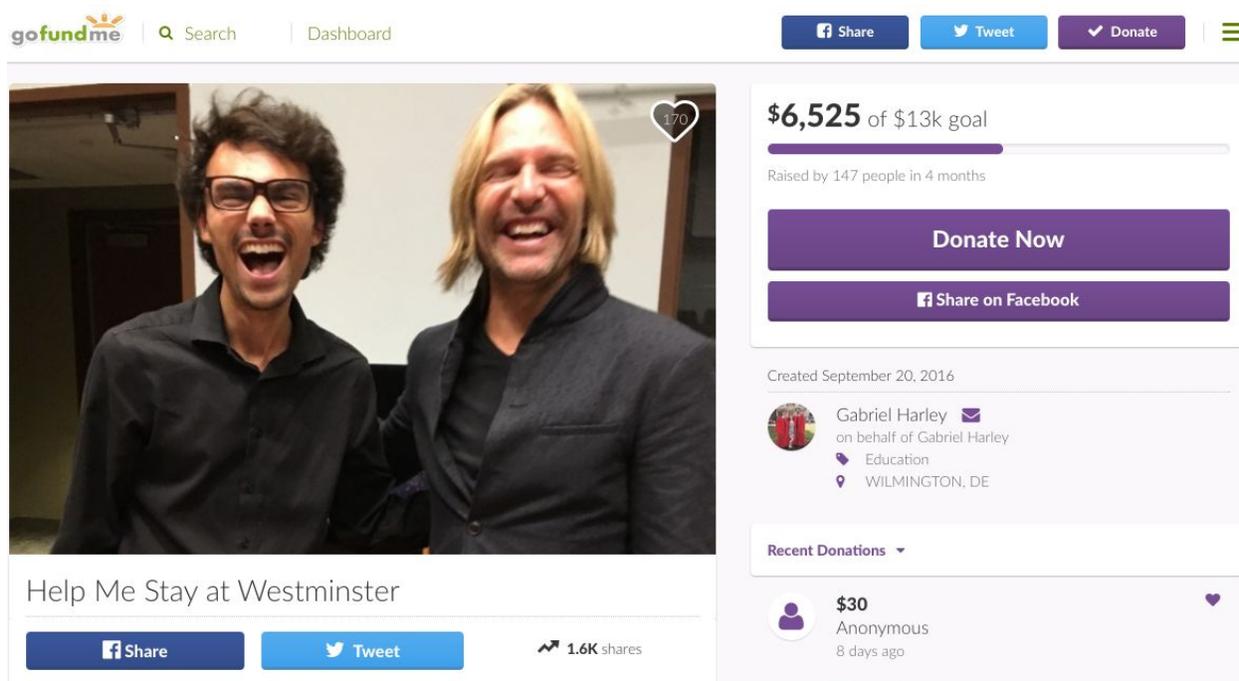
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Delaware: \$11,935

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Delaware: 369

Total Money Raised: 158,000

Total Number of Donations: 2,602

### Help Me Stay at Westminster



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top left is the GoFundMe logo, a search bar, and a dashboard link. On the right are buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main image shows two men, Gabriel Harley and another man, smiling. To the right of the image is a progress bar showing '\$6,525 of \$13k goal' and 'Raised by 147 people in 4 months'. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on September 20, 2016, by Gabriel Harley on behalf of Gabriel Harley, who is a student in Education in Wilmington, DE. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a \$30 donation from an anonymous user 8 days ago. At the bottom of the campaign image area are buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and '1.6K shares'.

Hello everyone!

My name is Gabriel Harley and I am a junior music education major at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey! Since I was a child, I have wanted to pursue a degree and career in music, and have wanted to be able to inspire young people to follow their musical dreams, as I was inspired to do.

## WASHINGTON D.C.

### Washington D.C. College Data

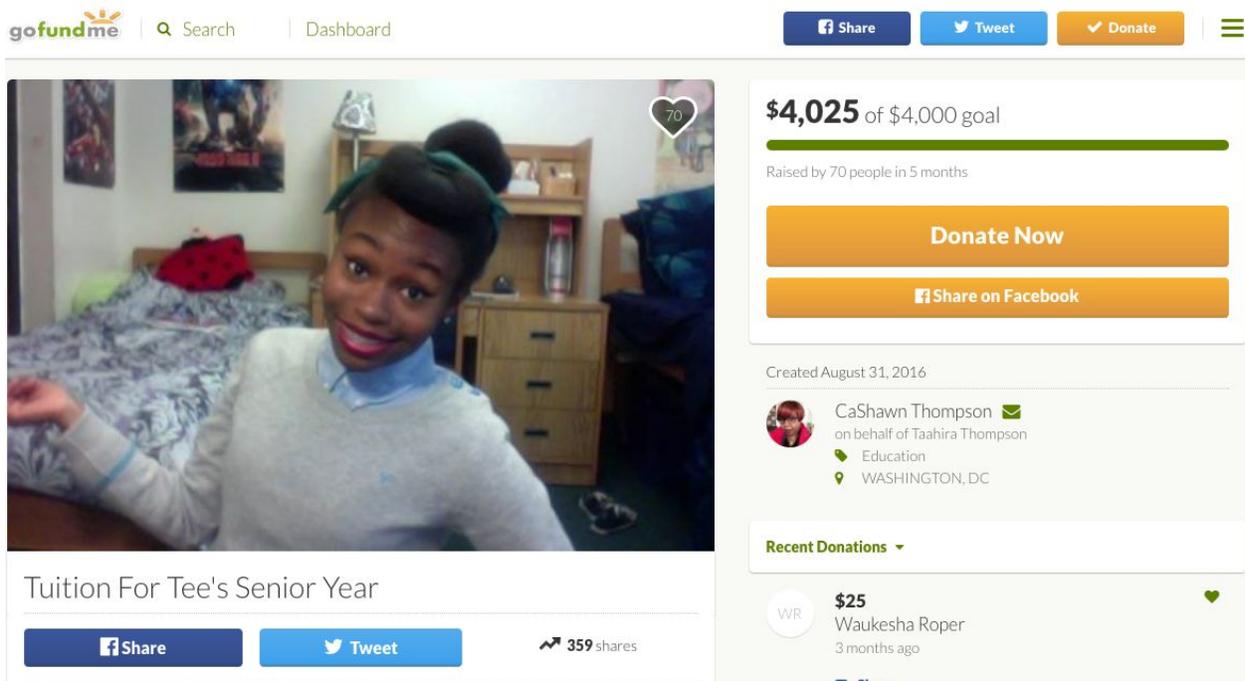
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Washington D.C.: \$7,844

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Washington D.C.: 1,043

Total Money Raised: 750,000

Total Number of Donations: 12,120

### Tuition For Tee's Senior Year



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GoFundMe logo, a search bar, a dashboard link, and buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main content area features a video thumbnail of a young woman in a bedroom. To the right of the video, a progress bar shows '\$4,025 of \$4,000 goal' raised by 70 people in 5 months. Below the progress bar are 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook' buttons. The campaign title is 'Tuition For Tee's Senior Year' with 359 shares. The creator is CaShawn Thompson, on behalf of Taahira Thompson, for Education in Washington, DC. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a \$25 donation from Waukesha Roper 3 months ago.

Many of you remember back in 2012 when my one and only daughter Taahira graduated from high school and headed off to college. Some of you even helped send her off with gifts and attended her graduation party. A lot has happened since then! Namely friendships, growing up, several appointments to the Dean's List at her school, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. She even got straight A's last semester. Tee took a year off to work and pay some of her own tuition and fees and is working on campus this semester as an instructional aide.

# FLORIDA

## Florida College Data

Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Florida: \$6,356

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Florida: 8,468

Total Money Raised: \$3.4 million

Total Number of Donations: 55,586

## [Please Help Send Me to Law School](#)

The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GoFundMe logo, a search bar, a dashboard link, and buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main content area features a large photo of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling, sitting in a grassy field with a cat. To the right of the photo, the campaign title 'Please Help Send Me to Law School' is displayed. Below the photo, the campaign progress is shown: '\$2,750 of \$2,500 goal' with a green progress bar. Below the progress bar, it says 'Raised by 32 people in 5 months'. There are two prominent orange buttons: 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. Below these buttons, the campaign creation date is listed as 'Created August 15, 2016'. The creator's name is 'Tabitha Sookdeo' on behalf of 'Richard Crouse', with a location of 'MIDDLEBURG, FL'. At the bottom, there is a 'Recent Donations' section showing a donation of '\$200'.

Hi Friends,

The time is here for me to take my Law School Admissions Test and to apply to law school. I have been working strenuously in studying for this examination, while interning at Yale this summer at the Urban Resources Initiative affiliated with the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

# GEORGIA

**Georgia College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Georgia: \$8,453**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Georgia: 6,887**  
**Total Money Raised: \$2.9 million**  
**Total Number of Donations: 48,514**

## Myhana's Spring in Beijing

The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for 'Myhana's Spring in Beijing'. The campaign has a goal of \$11k and has raised \$9,645 from 138 people in 4 months. The creator is Myhana Kerr, an education student from Mableton, GA. A recent donation of \$50 from Gene Stump is shown, dated 3 days ago. The page includes a photo of Myhana Kerr, a progress bar, and buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The top navigation bar includes 'gofundme', 'Search', 'Dashboard', and social media sharing options.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about my story and my ambition to study abroad in Beijing, China. I have always had a passion for learning new languages and traveling. These passions are continuously being realized as I embark on my 10th year of studying Mandarin Chinese and my plan to spend my Spring 2017 semester in Beijing, China.

# HAWAII

## Hawaii College Data

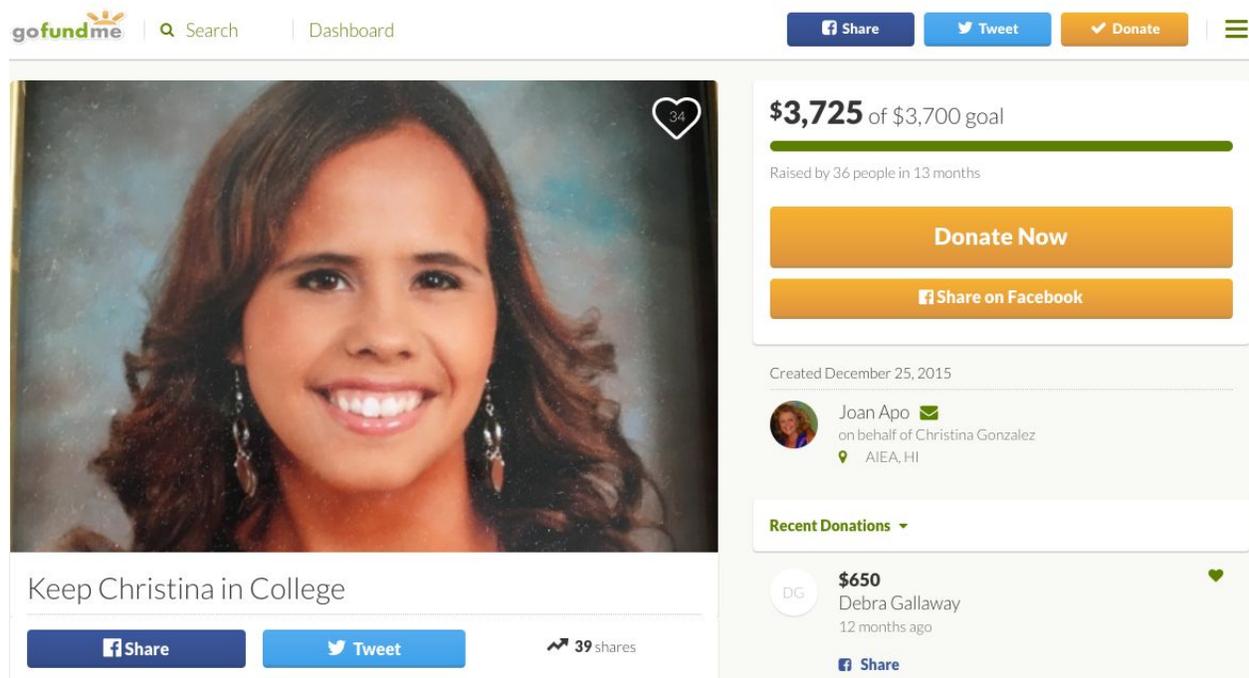
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Hawaii: \$10,671

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Hawaii: 398

Total Money Raised: 224,000

Total Number of Donations: 3,186

## Keep Christina in College



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for 'Keep Christina in College'. The page features a portrait of a young woman, Christina Gonzalez, with a heart icon and the number 34 in the top right corner. The campaign goal is \$3,700, with \$3,725 raised, indicated by a green progress bar. The text below the bar states 'Raised by 36 people in 13 months'. There are buttons for 'Donate Now', 'Share on Facebook', 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The campaign was created on December 25, 2015, by Joan Apo on behalf of Christina Gonzalez, located in AIEA, HI. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a donation of \$650 from Debra Gallaway, made 12 months ago.

I am asking for financial support to help with my educational fees to complete my college education at Concordia College in Portland, OR. I have completed 1 semester of my Freshman year. I was raised in Hawaii and my parents divorced when I was 6. By the time I was 9 I was put in foster care for 3 years. Life at the time was very confusing but I always knew I wanted to be something and make a change in this world.

# IDAHO

## Idaho College Data

Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Idaho: \$7,010

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Idaho: 547

Total Money Raised: 192,000

Total Number of Donations: 2,806

## Tuition help for nursing school

The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, there are navigation links for 'gofundme', 'Search', and 'Dashboard'. On the right, there are buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main content area features a photo of a woman with long brown hair, smiling. To the right of the photo, it says '\$750 of \$5,500 goal' with a progress bar. Below that, it says 'Raised by 4 people in 1 month'. There are two large orange buttons: 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. Below the buttons, it says 'Created December 25, 2016'. The creator's name is 'Brandy Bee Matlock-Jones' with a verified checkmark. Her profile shows 'Education' and 'TWIN FALLS, ID'. There is a 'Recent Donations' section with one donation listed: '\$100 Andrew Stephens' from '1 month ago'. A comment below the donation says 'Good luck! ❤️ Sabrina and Andrew'. At the bottom of the page, there are 'Share' and 'Tweet' buttons, and a share count of '36 shares'.

I am asking for financial support to help with my educational fees to complete my college education at Concordia College in Portland, OR. I have completed 1 semester of my Freshman year. I was raised in Hawaii and my parents divorced when I was 6. By the time I was 9 I was put in foster care for 3 years. Life at the time was very confusing but I always knew I wanted to be something and make a change in this world.

## ILLINOIS

### **Illinois College Data**

**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Illinois: \$13,278**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Illinois: 5,266**

**Total Money Raised: \$2.59 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 43,194**

### [Keep Madison in Wheaton College](#)

The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, there are navigation links for 'gofundme', 'Search', and 'Dashboard'. On the right, there are buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main image shows four people sitting in front of a stone wall with the text 'WHEATON COLLEGE FOR CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM SINCE 1827'. To the right of the image, the campaign details are displayed: '\$8,730 of \$7,895 goal', 'Raised by 117 people in 3 months', and buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. Below the image, the campaign title 'Keep Madison in Wheaton College' is shown with 'Share' and 'Tweet' buttons and '477 shares'. On the right, the creator 'Madison A' from 'WHEATON, IL' is listed, along with a 'Recent Donations' section showing a \$100 donation from 'Anonymous' 2 months ago.

I am a junior at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, studying piano. Wheaton is a very prestigious school so I'm only able to attend because of scholarships and loans for housing. I've been able to make it for the past two years, but this year something out of my control came up that I might not be able to pay for my housing.

# INDIANA

## Indiana College Data

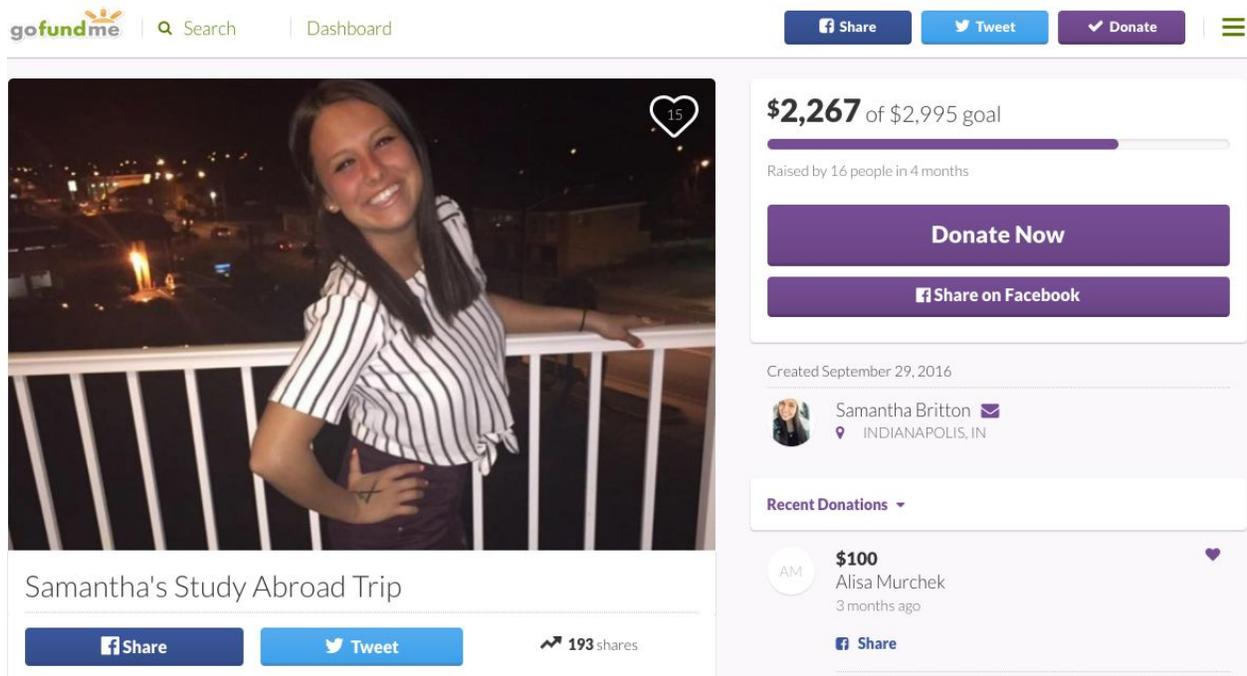
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Indiana: \$9,201

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Indiana: 2,659

Total Money Raised: 962,000

Total Number of Donations: 16,700

## Samantha's Study Abroad Trip



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for 'Samantha's Study Abroad Trip'. The page features a main image of Samantha Britton, a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white and black striped short-sleeved shirt and a dark skirt, standing on a balcony at night with city lights in the background. A heart icon with the number '15' is in the top right corner of the image. To the right of the image, the campaign progress is shown as '\$2,267 of \$2,995 goal' with a purple progress bar. Below the progress bar, it says 'Raised by 16 people in 4 months'. There are two prominent purple buttons: 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on September 29, 2016, by Samantha Britton in Indianapolis, IN. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a donation of \$100 from Alisa Murchek, made 3 months ago. At the bottom of the page, there are social media share buttons for Facebook and Twitter, and a share count of 193 shares.

Hello, my name is Samantha Britton and I go to school at th University of Indianapolis. I am raising money to help fund my study abroad trip to Scotland and England. The school is giving me an amazing opportunity to travel abroad from May 8th to May 21st. We will be visiting various historical sites while experiencing the culture of these two beautiful countries. Any donation would be greatly appreciated, thank you all for your time.

# IOWA

**Iowa College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Iowa: \$8,271**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Iowa: 764**  
**Total Money Raised: 356,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 5,609**

## Caroline's London Study Abroad

The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the GoFundMe logo, a search bar, a dashboard link, and buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate'. The main content area features a video player showing a brick building with a clock tower, titled 'London Study Abroad Fund'. To the right of the video, it displays '\$4,192 of \$5,000 goal' with a progress bar and 'Raised by 46 people in 11 months'. Below this are 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook' buttons. The campaign was created on February 22, 2016, by Caroline Maltais Trewet from ATLANTIC, IA. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a \$50 donation from an anonymous user 9 months ago. At the bottom of the video player, there are 'Share' and 'Tweet' buttons and a share count of 47.

My name is Caroline M. Trewet, and I am a Junior at Northwestern College. I have been accepted to study with Northwestern College this summer for 4 weeks in London, England! But I can't get there all on my own. That's where you come in! I'm working hard to make this trip a reality. The whole trip costs around \$5,000, which is quite a high number, but it's a pretty good deal in the grand scheme of it all.

# KANSAS

## Kansas College Data

Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Kansas: \$8,917

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Kansas: 810

Total Money Raised: 339,000

Total Number of Donations: 5,171

## [Help Joel pay for school!](#)

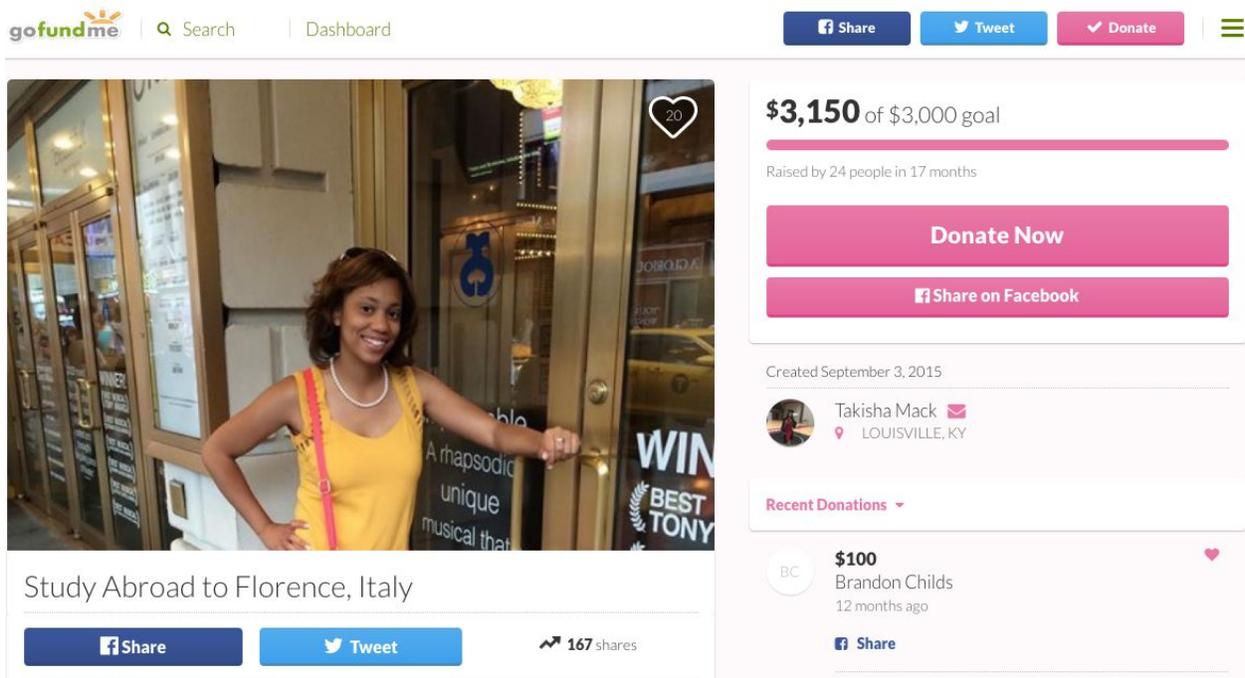
The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top left is the GoFundMe logo and navigation links for Search and Dashboard. On the right are buttons for Share, Tweet, and Donate. The main image shows a man (Joel) standing next to a large stone sign for Pittsburg State University. To the right of the image is a progress bar showing \$1,860 of a \$2,132 goal, with a note that it was raised by 19 people in 1 month. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on January 2, 2017, by Joel Britez Aveiro, who is a student in Pittsburg, KS. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a \$50 donation from John Gladson, made 9 days ago, with a message: 'Good luck, Joel!'.

Hello friends, my name is Joel Britez and I am a student from Paraguay majoring in Political Science and International Studies at Pittsburg State University, located in Pittsburg, Kansas. Many people wonder how I ended up about 4,000 miles away from my home. Well, my country has been going through governmental corruption which has brought forth inequality for a very extended period of time and the problem never seems to cease.

# KENTUCKY

**Kentucky College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Kentucky: \$9,953**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Kentucky: 1,677**  
**Total Money Raised: \$485,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 8,800**

## Study Abroad to Florence, Italy



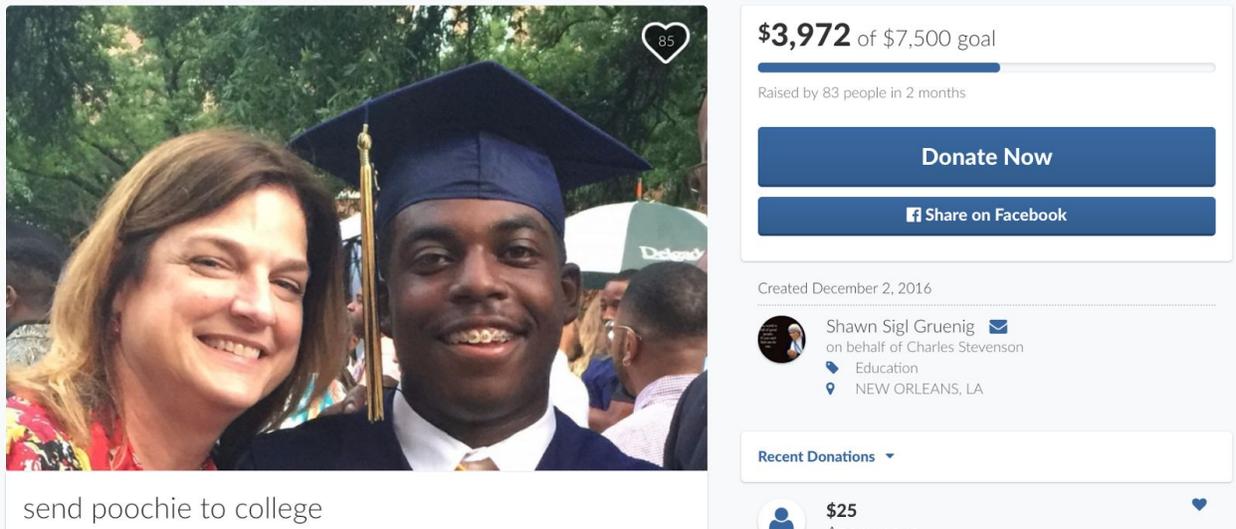
The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GoFundMe logo, a search bar, and a dashboard link. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are buttons for 'Share', 'Tweet', and 'Donate', along with a menu icon. The main content area features a photograph of a young woman in a yellow top standing in front of a glass door. To the right of the photo is a progress bar showing '\$3,150 of \$3,000 goal' and a 'Donate Now' button. Below the progress bar, there are buttons for 'Share on Facebook' and 'Share on Twitter'. The campaign title 'Study Abroad to Florence, Italy' is displayed below the photo. At the bottom of the photo area, there are 'Share' and 'Tweet' buttons, and a share count of '167 shares'. On the right side of the page, there is a section for 'Recent Donations' which lists a donation of '\$100' from 'Brandon Childs' made '12 months ago'.

As I approach my senior year at Eastern Kentucky University, I have the opportunity to visit and study abroad. I will be in Florence, Italy for three weeks. During those three weeks I will visit museums, tour the city, and take a class. With your help I can cross this off my bucket list. I hope I can count on you to share, post, and donate what you can.

# LOUISIANA

**Louisiana College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Louisiana: \$8,900**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Louisiana: 1,677**  
**Total Money Raised: \$643,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 10,773**

## Send Poochie to College



The image shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a photograph of a young man in a blue graduation cap and gown, smiling, with a woman (his mother) smiling next to him. The campaign title is "send poochie to college". On the right, the campaign progress is shown as "\$3,972 of \$7,500 goal" with a progress bar. Below the progress bar, it says "Raised by 83 people in 2 months". There are two buttons: "Donate Now" and "Share on Facebook". The campaign was created on December 2, 2016, by Shawn Sigl Gruenig on behalf of Charles Stevenson, for Education in New Orleans, LA. A "Recent Donations" section shows a donation of \$25.

Hey! My name is Charles Stevenson. I graduated from Lusher Charter School in 2016. I will be attending Pearl River Community College this January. I have always struggled in school and hated to read because it was so difficult. Thanks to my teachers, I graduated from Lusher, one of the top high schools in the country, even though I was two grades behind. I really want to continue my education, but as I was raised by my grandmother from the age of seven, I don't have the financial means to go to Pearl River, so I'm raising money for my college tuition, books, and housing.

## MAINE

### Maine College Data

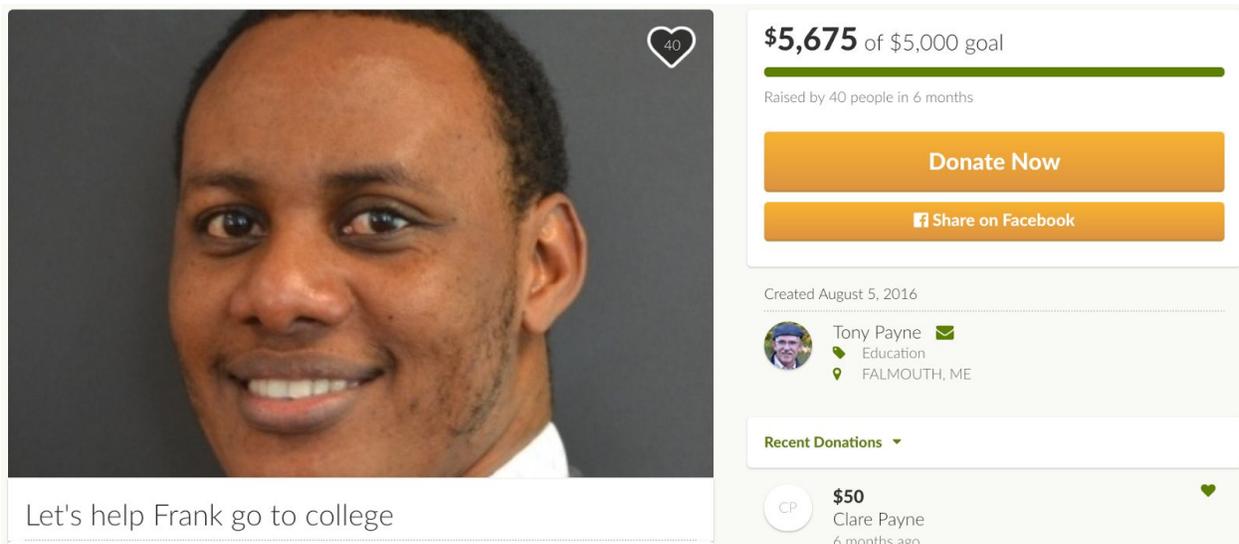
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Maine: \$9,678**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Maine: 523**

**Total Money Raised: 300,800**

**Total Number of Donations: 4,582**

### Let's Help Frank go to College



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a portrait of a young man, Frank Higiros, with a heart icon and the number 40. The main text reads '\$5,675 of \$5,000 goal' with a progress bar. Below this, it says 'Raised by 40 people in 6 months'. There are two orange buttons: 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on August 5, 2016, by Tony Payne, who is listed as being in the Education category and located in Falmouth, ME. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a \$50 donation from Clare Payne (CP) 6 months ago.

My friend, Frank Higiros, needs tuition to earn his Certificate in Risk Management & Insurance at the University of Southern Maine. Classes begin soon and he must pay his tuition by this Friday, August 15.

I met Frank earlier this year through my friends at USM. He is a young asylum seeker from Rwanda living in Westbrook. Why is he here? Frank had to flee his home as he had been persecuted and jailed as a journalist for writing objectively about the issues confronting the people of his country. It was not safe to stay.

As an asylum seeker, he cannot work until he receives authorization - a process he hopes will conclude soon. In the meantime, he is anxious to improve his prospects for employment as soon as his working papers arrive.

# MARYLAND

## Maryland College Data

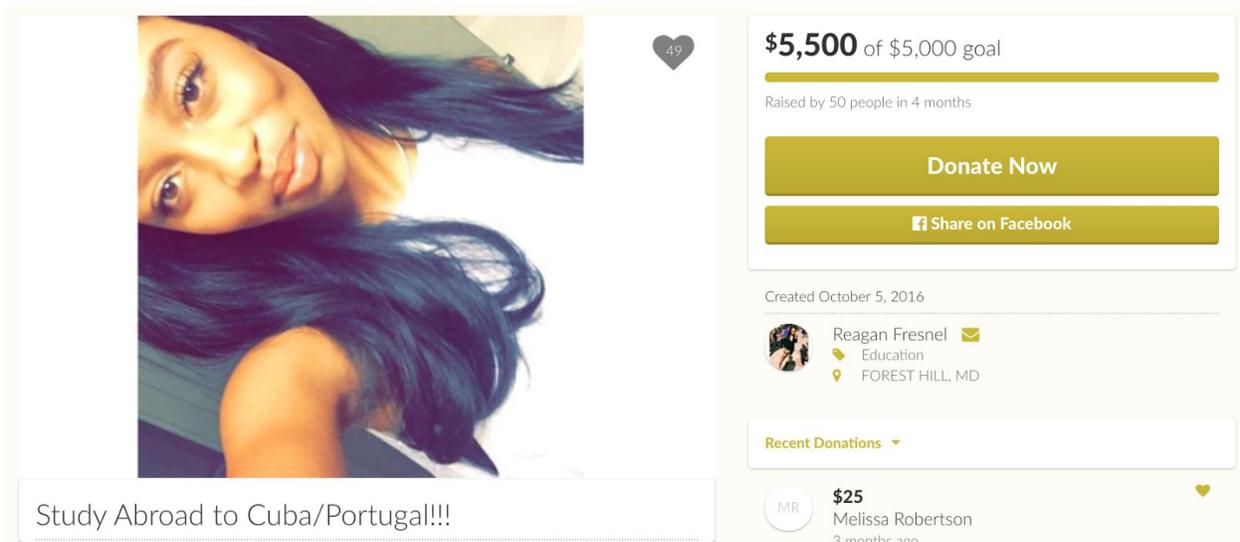
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Maryland: \$9,366**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Maryland: 3,233**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.5 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 24,694**

## [Study Abroad to Cuba/Portugal!!!](#)



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a profile picture of a young woman with long dark hair. To the right of the photo is a heart icon with the number 49. The main text on the page reads: '\$5,500 of \$5,000 goal', followed by a progress bar and the text 'Raised by 50 people in 4 months'. Below this are two buttons: 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. Further down, it says 'Created October 5, 2016' and lists the creator as 'Reagan Fresnel' with a location of 'FOREST HILL, MD'. At the bottom, there is a 'Recent Donations' section showing a donation of '\$25' from 'Melissa Robertson' '3 months ago'.

Now in my junior year at Spelman College I am looking to gain a worldly and cultured perspective of life outside of the United States, specifically within Spanish speaking countries. I have thankfully been selected to travel abroad to Havana, Cuba and Lisbon, Portugal during the summer of 2017. While in these countries I will be fully emerged in Spanish culture, language, & society. As a political science major, I will personally study the political regimes and historic influence of Spain on both countries.

Spelman College has awarded me with a \$1,200 scholarship to travel but I am still required to cover half of my tuition as well as my flights. Any amount helps and will be a blessing to aiding me in achieving this dream.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Massachusetts College Data

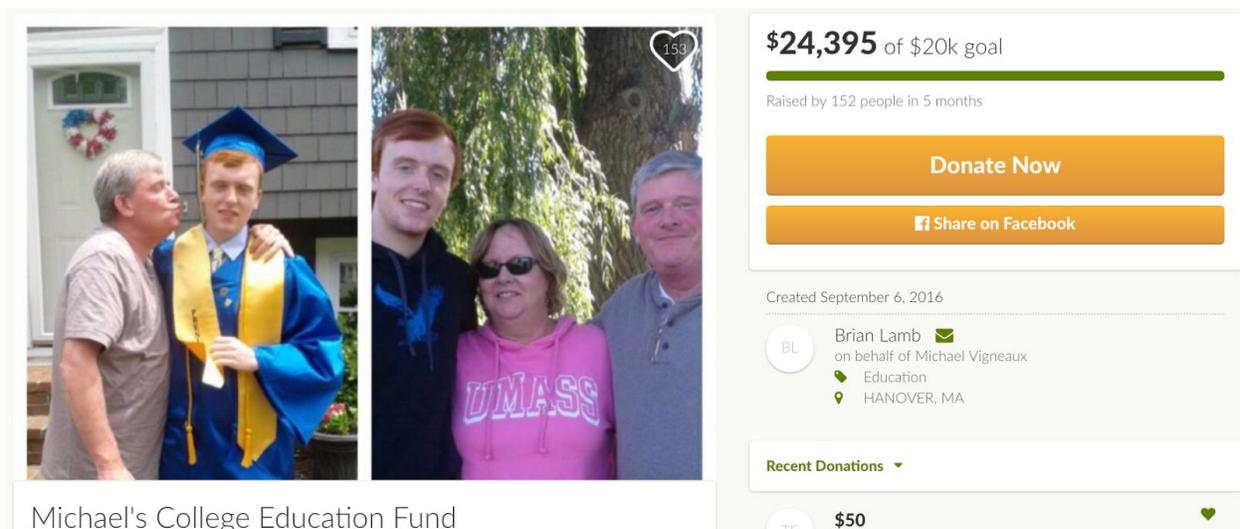
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Massachusetts: \$12,276

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Massachusetts: 2,602

Total Money Raised: \$1.96 million

Total Number of Donations: 29,555

### Michael's College Education Fund



Michael's College Education Fund

\$24,395 of \$20k goal

Raised by 152 people in 5 months

Donate Now

Share on Facebook

Created September 6, 2016

BL Brian Lamb on behalf of Michael Vigneaux  
Education  
HANOVER, MA

Recent Donations

TF \$50

Mike is about to begin his sophomore year at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He is studying Computer Systems Engineering.

Mike was the President of his graduating class of 2015 at Hanover High School. He is also a National Honor Society Member. He has certainly shown us that he is a serious student and always does his best. I have known Mike his entire life and know that he will go on to be a great success in life if we all help give him this opportunity.

## MICHIGAN

### Michigan College Data

**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Michigan: \$12,464**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Michigan: 3,994**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.5 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 25,556**

### My Chemical Engineering Degree



My Chemical Engineering Degree

**\$5,924** of \$12k goal

Raised by 139 people in 6 months

[Donate Now](#)

[Share on Facebook](#)

Created August 7, 2016

 **LA Nickson**  Education  
 KALAMAZOO, MI

**Recent Donations** ▾

 **\$15**  
Anonymous 

My name is Nickson Kinyele from Iringa, Tanzania. I am currently a third year chemical engineering student at Western Michigan University...

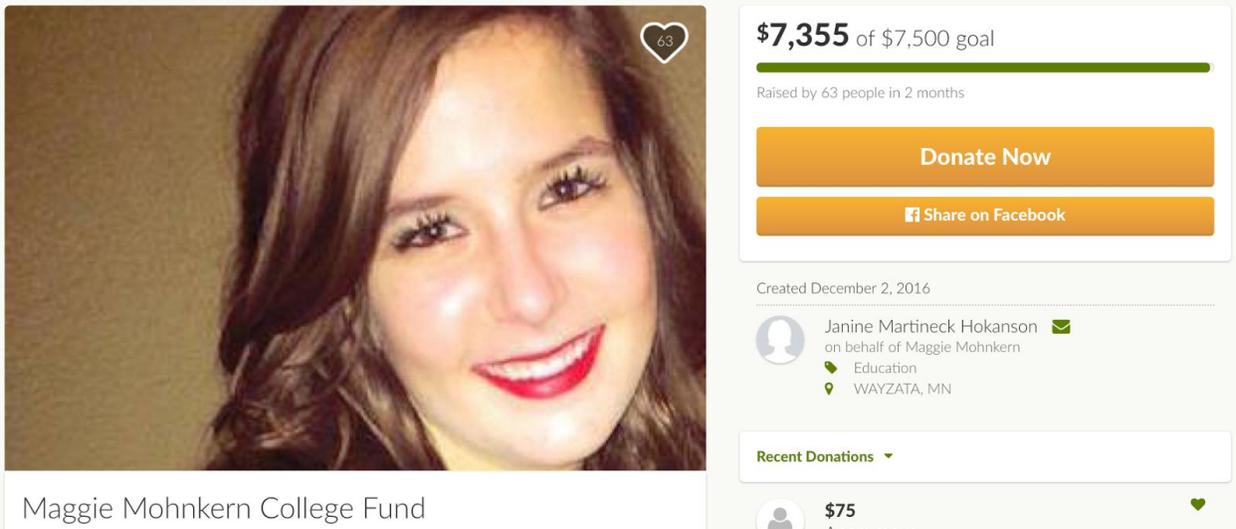
Unfortunately I face some barriers to making my dream come true. In the last year, I lost my main source of financial support, who can no longer cover my university needs. I have inquired about loans, scholarships and financial aid but due to my situation unfortunately I am not eligible for any of this financial help.

I have been working hard to keep my dream alive, by commuting every weekend to New York City from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. On the weekends, I sell Tanzanian bracelets and jewelry I make in my spare time, these represent my Tanzanian culture. I learnt this art skill throughout my schooling in Tanzania.

# MINNESOTA

**Minnesota College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Minnesota: \$10,952**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Minnesota: 1,607**  
**Total Money Raised: \$772,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 12,500**

## Maggie Mohnkern College Fund



Maggie Mohnkern College Fund

**\$7,355** of \$7,500 goal  
Raised by 63 people in 2 months

[Donate Now](#)  
[Share on Facebook](#)

Created December 2, 2016

Janine Martineck Hokanson  
on behalf of Maggie Mohnkern  
Education  
WAYZATA, MN

Recent Donations ▾

 \$75 

We would like to help Maggie continue her dreams and finish her college career!

Please help Maggie with all the crazy college expenses!

## MISSISSIPPI

### Mississippi College Data

**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Mississippi: \$7,409**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Mississippi: 818**

**Total Money Raised: \$260,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 5,100**

### [Help Ike Graduate Loan Free!](#)



Help Ike Graduate Loan Free!

**\$7,600** of \$60k goal

Raised by 77 people in 28 months

[Donate Now](#)

[Share on Facebook](#)

Created September 30, 2014



Mary Katherine Breland  
Education  
OXFORD, MS

Recent Donations



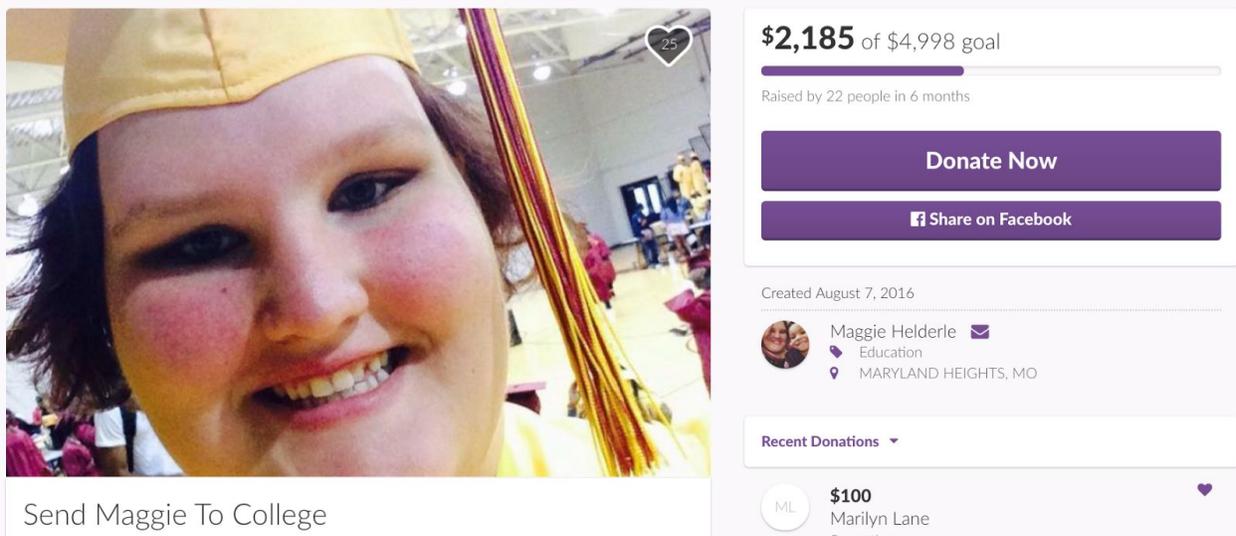
**\$500**  
Provision Oxford

It is a privilege for us to introduce you to Ike Hill, who is a junior accounting major at the University of Mississippi. Ike hails from New Orleans, LA, and he found his way to Ole Miss because of his drive to graduate from college! He is known all over campus for his infectious smile, and he is a friend to all. Ike is involved in Reformed University Fellowship, where he is a vital part of the leadership team as well as a Bible study leader for freshman boys. Ike loves the Lord and attends Christ Presbyterian Church. He is a house boy at the Tri Delta Sorority House where he helps serve up lunch and dinner daily. Ike is currently interning at a local Accounting Firm.

# MISSOURI

<p><b>Missouri College Data</b></p> <p><b>Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Missouri: \$8,632</b></p> <p><b>Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Missouri: 2,024</b></p> <p><b>Total Money Raised: 676,000</b></p> <p><b>Total Number of Donations: 11,642</b></p>
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## [Send Maggie to College](#)



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a photo of a young woman, Maggie Helderle, wearing a yellow graduation cap and gown, smiling. To the right of the photo is a progress bar showing \$2,185 raised of a \$4,998 goal. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on August 7, 2016. The creator's name is Maggie Helderle, with a location of Maryland Heights, MO. A recent donation of \$100 from Marilyn Lane is listed at the bottom.

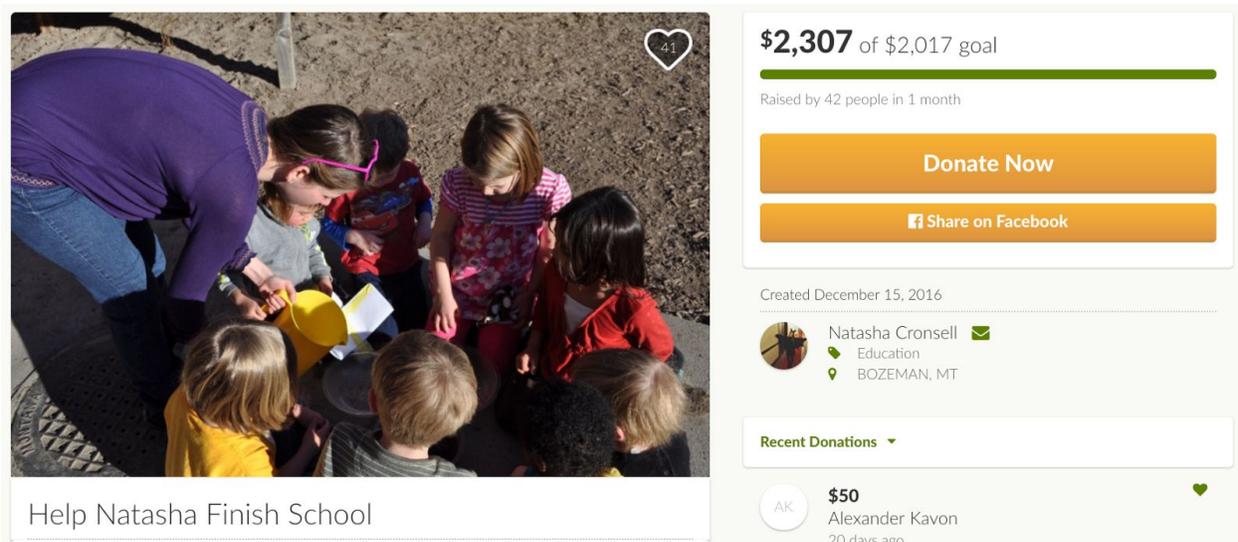
I have also had a job, if not 2 at a time, since the day I turned 15. I am a freshman at Park University this fall and am struggling to pay the rest of my tuition, after financial aid, scholarships, and federal student loans. I have made a budget and for the year I will need the amount listed. This will pay my remaining balance and give me a small amount of money to live on throughout the year.

This past year has been one of the most exciting and struggling years of my life. I started a journey to better myself by losing weight. I have lost 100lbs in the past year and plan to continue despite the college stereotypes about gaining weight. I want to be able to purchase healthy foods, make nutritious snacks, and cook some of my own meals, which I cannot do on my current budget.

# MONTANA

**Montana College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Montana: \$6,409**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Montana: 306**  
**Total Money Raised: \$143,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 2,000**

## [Help Natasha Finish School](#)



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a photo of a woman in a purple shirt interacting with a group of children. The campaign title is 'Help Natasha Finish School'. The progress bar shows \$2,307 raised of a \$2,017 goal. The campaign was created on December 15, 2016, by Natasha Cronsell, who is in the Education field in Bozeman, MT. A recent donation of \$50 from Alexander Kavon is listed.

After finishing up a successful fall semester this week, I am excited to announce that I will be graduating with my teaching degree this May! However, I need your help. (Here's the funny thing about student teaching: instead of getting paid to work, I pay to work).

It has been a long road to where I am now. During my time at MSU I have endured many things – a traumatic auto accident which led to a femur fracture, a traumatic brain injury, vision impairment, and medical costs; the deaths of several people I love dearly, including my father and brother; leaving a violent relationship; and surviving sexual assault.

The obstacles I have faced have partly been the catalyst for my growth and my aspirations as an early childhood educator. Unfortunately, they have taken a financial toll. The fact that money is now the only obstacle in front of me feels refreshing, but it is still an obstacle.

## NEBRASKA

### Nebraska College Data

**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Nebraska: \$7,883**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Nebraska: 426**

**Total Money Raised: \$159,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 2,600**

### Jen's Danish School Tuition



Jen's Danish School Tuition

**\$1,300** of \$1,300 goal

Raised by 9 people in 1 month

Donate Now

Share on Facebook

Created January 3, 2017



Jennifer Riis Gotrik ✓  
Education  
GRETNA, NE

Recent Donations ▾



**\$100**  
Ditte Jackson

I recently received a letter of acceptance into the Danish School of Media and Journalism in Aarhus, Denmark beginning on January 30th, 2017. I was one of 10 international students accepted into photojournalism program. The tuition for the program is 4,400 Euro, or about \$4,700. Renting a student dorm room for the six-month period is an additional \$3,000. Unfortunately scholarships aren't available for this particular program so I'm hoping to sell some paintings, drawings and prints in order to fund the opportunity! I've saved about a quarter of it already and Mom suggested starting a gofundme to raise the rest of the money for tuition; we all know Mother knows best.

# NEVADA

## Nevada College Data

Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Nevada: \$6,907

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Nevada: 885

Total Money Raised: 344,000

Total Number of Donations: 4,900

## Funding for my UNLV Education



Funding for my UNLV education

**\$2,314** of \$2,314 goal

Raised by 49 people in 6 months

Donate Now

Share on Facebook

Created August 10, 2016



Aarione Henderson  
on behalf of Latonya Gaston  
Education  
NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV

Recent Donations

\$234

I am writing this to inform you all that I am in a desperate need of assistance. I am an incoming freshman at UNLV majoring in Pre-Professional Biology, with goals of becoming an OBGYN. Unfortunately, UNLV's Financial Aid office has misplaced most of my paperwork. Because of the school's negligence, I am not eligible for Financial Aid at this time and I am at risk of being purged from my Fall 2016 classes. On August 5th I was told I would have to pay, out of pocket, 2,314.16 by the 26th of August or my dream will forcefully be ripped from under me. My mom is a single parent who works tirelessly to provide for my brother and I and she just can't afford it. I am asking you to donate whatever you can to support my dreams. I guarantee this is not a scam or a method of attention seeking, just simply a cry for help. Thank you all, God bless you.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

### New Hampshire College Data

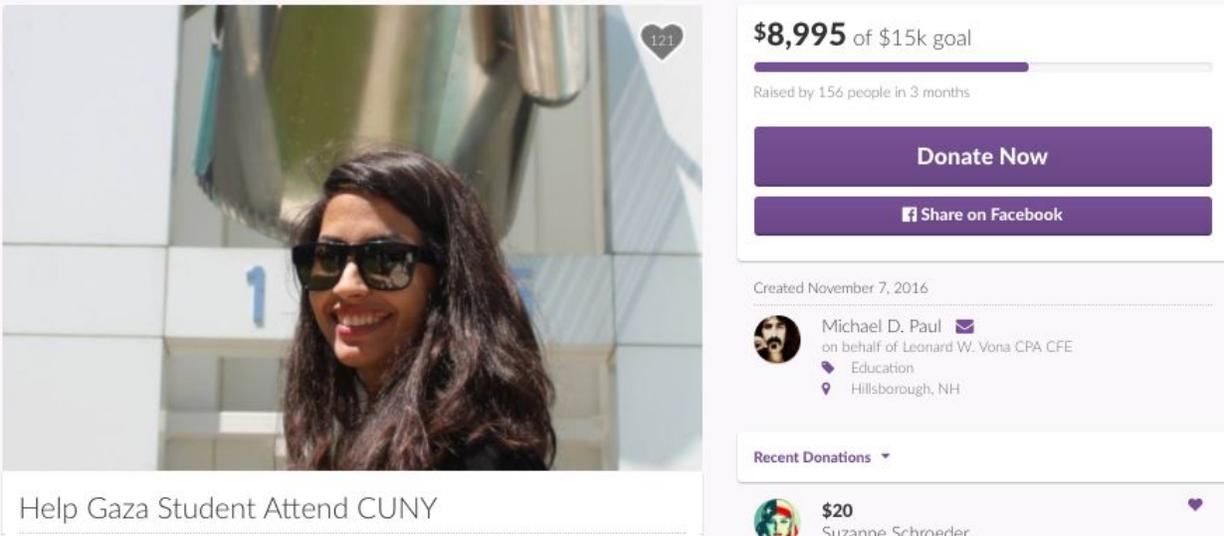
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In New Hampshire: \$15,650**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In New Hampshire: 465**

**Total Money Raised: \$200,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 3,424**

### [Help Gaza Student Attend CUNY](#)



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a photo of a young woman with long dark hair and sunglasses, smiling. To the right of the photo is a progress bar showing '\$8,995 of \$15k goal' and 'Raised by 156 people in 3 months'. Below the progress bar are two buttons: 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. Further down, it says 'Created November 7, 2016' and lists the organizer as 'Michael D. Paul' on behalf of 'Leonard W. Vona CPA CFE', with a location in Hillsborough, NH. A 'Recent Donations' section shows a donation of '\$20' from 'Suzanne Schroeder'.

My name is M. Dennis Paul, PhD. My friends and I have started this fundraiser for a brilliant young woman living in war torn Gaza (Palestine) who has been accepted to a special program at CUNY. I ask that you read the following appeal and visit the links we have provided to learn more about this exceptional human being.

Walaa Al-Ghusein is a treasure; one of those rare shooting stars that lights up the sky when all else seems dark and hopeless... Recently, after a great deal of struggle and sacrifice, Walaa obtained her undergraduate degree at university in Gaza. Previously she had attended a summer long academic program in the United States where she excelled. Most important, as a participant at the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication at Washington State University.

## NEW JERSEY

### New Jersey College Data

**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In New Jersey: \$13,560**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In New Jersey: 250**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.36 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 21,800**

### Tristen's Scholarship Fund



Tristen's Scholarship Fund

**\$5,320** of \$7,800 goal

Raised by 21 people in 6 months

[Donate Now](#)

[Share on Facebook](#)

Created August 7, 2016

Tristen Moore   
on behalf of Calvin Moore

- Education
- HARRISON, NJ

Reward Levels

\$5 >

HELLO EVERYBODY! My name is Tristen Moore and I am ecstatic about being an incoming freshman to Brandeis University's graduating Class of 2021! You see, I've been fortunate enough to graduate from one of the most prestigious high schools in the country. The intuition that has guided me to Suffield Academy, has now led me to attend one of the best colleges in the country, Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts where I will be participating in their 5 year Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts Program at the International Business School and receiving my degrees in International Economics and Finance.

## NEW MEXICO

### New Mexico College Data

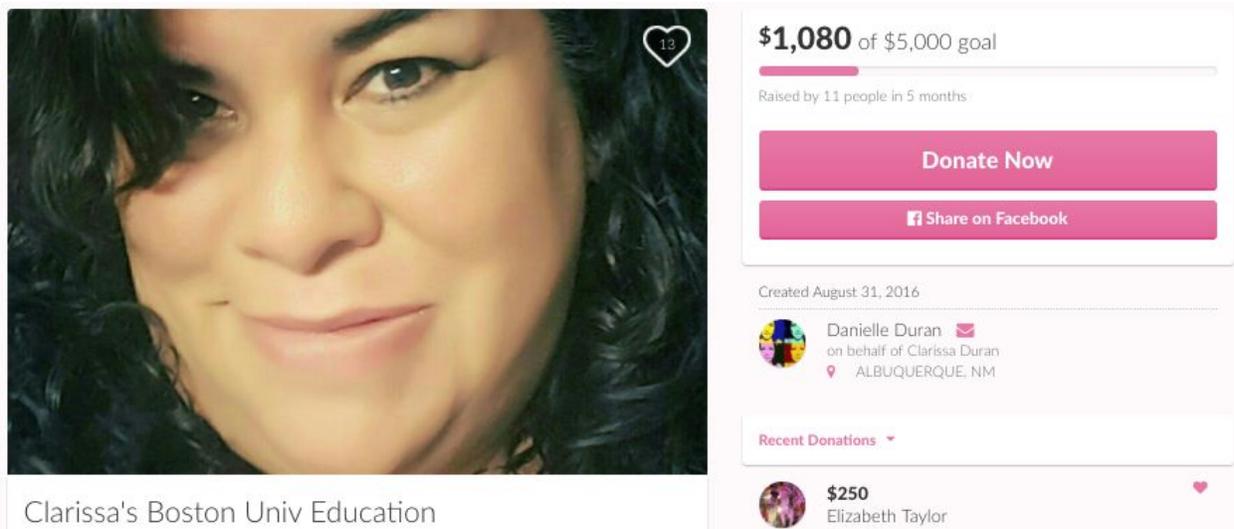
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In New Mexico: \$6,618**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In New Mexico: 679**

**Total Money Raised: \$290,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 4,270**

### Clarissa's Boston University Education



Clarissa's Boston Univ Education

**\$1,080** of \$5,000 goal  
Raised by 11 people in 5 months

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Created August 31, 2016

Danielle Duran on behalf of Clarissa Duran  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Recent Donations

**\$250**  
Elizabeth Taylor

My fabulous sister Clarissa, who works with the social services of Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, has been accepted into the Boston University Social Work Master's Degree Program. She will continue working to help the elderly, to decrease drug addiction, and support those who need some extra help all while engaging in a world class education from Boston U.

I know my sister will be successful, but a little help with some tuition costs and the ability to meet with her advisor in Boston will go a long way. Help me in supporting her efforts to gather more tools to help the people of Rio Arriba County.

## NEW YORK

### New York College Data

**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In New York: \$7,707**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In New York: 6,884**

**Total Money Raised: \$4.2 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 66,900**

### Tuition for Salma Echaly



Tuition for Salma Echaly

**\$22,723** of \$70k goal

Raised by 122 people in 3 months

Donate Now

Share on Facebook

Created October 23, 2016



Sue Gold Groner  
Education  
BEDFORD, NY

Recent Donations



\$50  
Ed Deci

"It's so, so hard to go from freedom to not being able to go to the grocery store alone. I've already been sexually accosted, which is the norm here and I fear for my life everytime I go outside."

These are the words of Salma Echahly, a 2015 Barnard College graduate who was forced to return to her home country of Morocco. Imagine the contrast from when she was a happy honor student and an independent young woman in the workforce.

Today in Morocco, Salma is not permitted to walk anywhere alone - for the mere fact that she is a woman. Nor can she get a driver's license to try to get a job because she is prohibited from driving alone. Salma desperately wants to come back to the US to go to graduate school to study Human Rights Advocacy so she can better help others in her situation BUT she needs to raise the funds. This is why her American friends are starting this GoFundMe campaign.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### North Carolina College Data

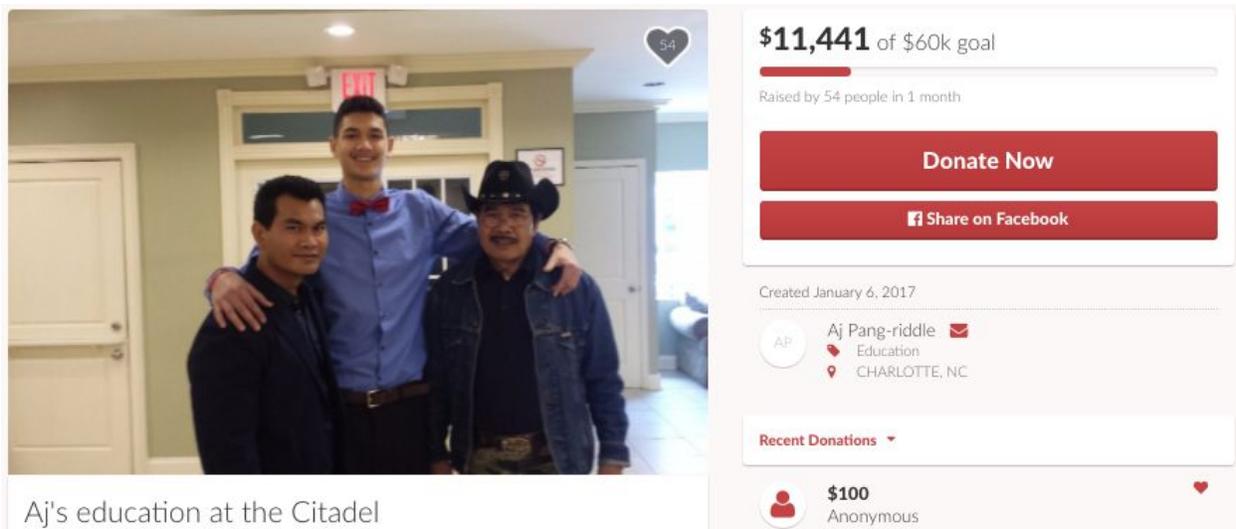
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In North Carolina: \$7,203**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In North Carolina: 5,162**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.93 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 33,600**

### AJ's Education at the Citadel



Aj's education at the Citadel

My name is Alexander Jared Pang-Riddle and I am currently a cadet in my sophomore year at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina... My people are the original settlers of Vietnam, with approximately seven hundred thousand left alive in the world. My grandfather was the most highly decorated Montagnard soldier in the NhaTrang Mike Force and single handedly saved many American soldiers by pretending to be a NVA soldier and taking them down one by one until he could reach the Americans. My maternal grandfather also fought in the Vietnam war and was a part of the 1st Air Calvary Division, Company C 2nd BN 7th Calvary and was also part of the 97th MP BN of the 18th Military Police Brigade while in Vietnam. As you can see I have some pretty big shoes to fill. I would like to be the first Montagnard to graduate from the South Carolina Corps of Cadets. I would like to inspire other Montagnard students from all over by showing them that you can break barriers with a little bit of help and determination.

# NORTH DAKOTA

**North Dakota College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In North Dakota: \$7,884**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In North Dakota: 131**  
**Total Money Raised: 59,700**  
**Total Number of Donations: 919**

## Tuition: Damar Townsend/Pam Brinson

The screenshot displays a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left, there is a photo of a smiling man and woman. The campaign title is "Tuition: Damar Townsend/Pam Brinson". Below the title are social sharing buttons for Facebook and Twitter, and a "159 shares" indicator. A "Story" bar is visible at the bottom of the photo area. On the right, a progress bar shows "\$4,700 of \$5,000 goal" with a green bar indicating the amount raised. Below the progress bar, it says "Raised by 32 people in 5 months". There are two buttons: "Donate Now" and "Share on Facebook". The campaign was created on August 19, 2016, by Jason Boynton on behalf of Pamela Brinson in Fargo, ND. A "Recent Donations" section shows a \$50 donation from Shela Boynton, 5 months ago, with a comment: "What interesting classes! Great variety...".

Hello Facebook Friends & Family. My friend Pamela Brinson is trying to raise \$5000 for the balance of her son Damar's college tuition. They have managed to put together \$13000 through various academic scholarships and grants so far. School starts August 29 so time is of the essence here. I am starting this campaign because higher education is important to me. Higher education is also important to Pam (she is working to complete her Master's Degree in 2017!). She did everything right. She planned accordingly but some unforeseen administrative glitches have stalled her efforts to get Damar into college this semester.

## OHIO

### Ohio College Data

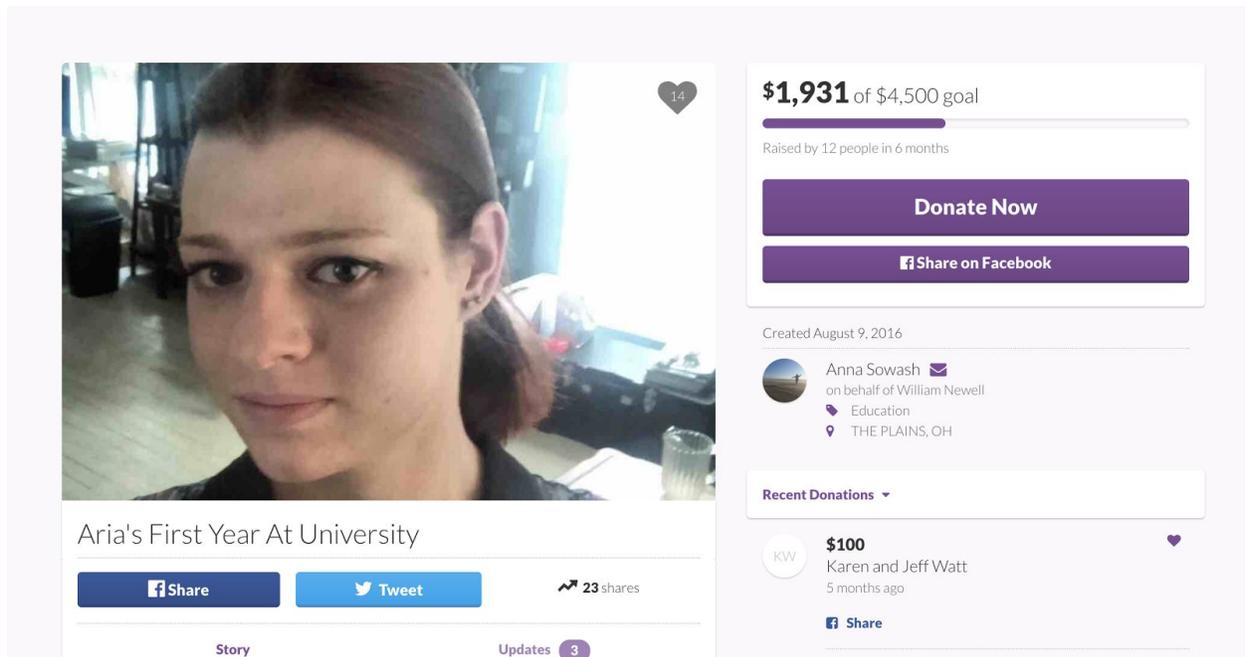
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Ohio: \$10,266**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Ohio: 4,225**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.55 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 26,000**

### Aria's First Year At University



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for 'Aria's First Year At University'. The main image is a portrait of a young woman with dark hair. To the right of the image is a progress bar showing '\$1,931 of \$4,500 goal' raised by 12 people in 6 months. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on August 9, 2016, by Anna Sowash on behalf of William Newell, located in The Plains, OH. A recent donation of \$100 from Karen and Jeff Watt is listed. The page has 23 shares and 3 updates.

Hello my name is Anna, and this is my partner Aria. Our story is a newer one and yet an old one at the same time.

You see, Aria is transgender. She was born in the wrong body, but never quite understood why she felt so weird, why she felt so wrong. She struggled for years to ignore her feelings, thinking that everyone felt that way.

Aria was raised in an extremely conservative household, and was home schooled. She had no outlet for learning about who she really is, or a way to explain her feelings.

# OKLAHOMA

## Oklahoma College Data

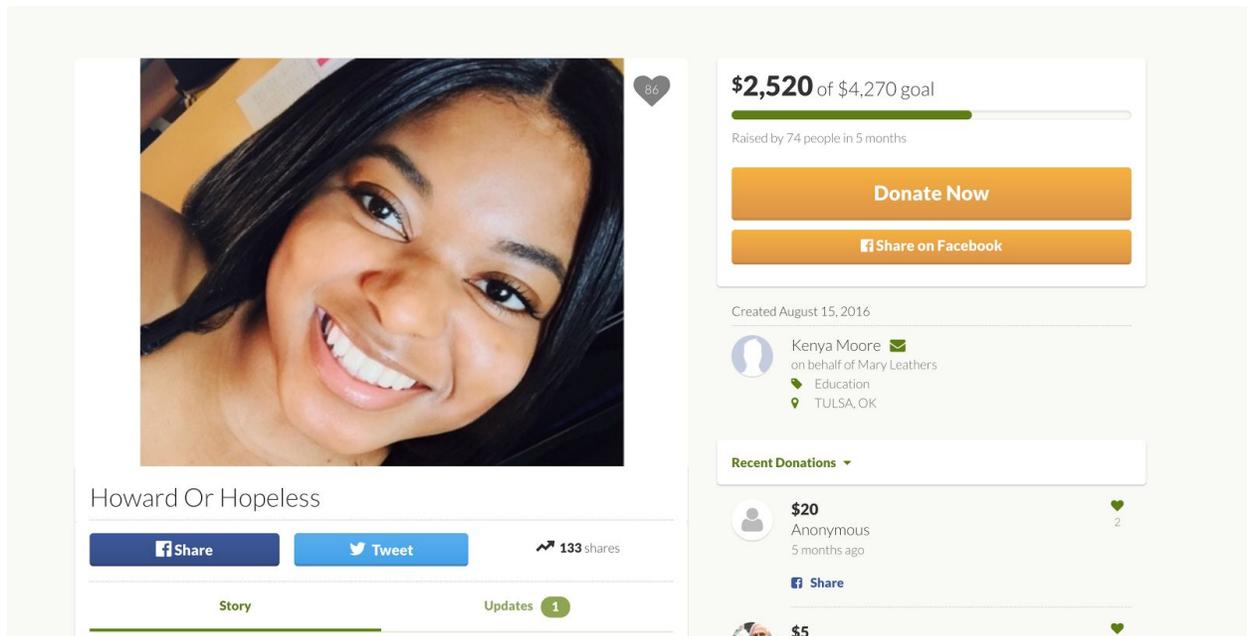
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Oklahoma: \$8,026**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Oklahoma: 1,266**

**Total Money Raised: 430,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 6,500**

## Howard Or Hopeless



The image shows a GoFundMe campaign page for "Howard Or Hopeless". On the left is a portrait of a smiling young woman with dark hair. To the right, the campaign details are displayed: a goal of \$4,270 with \$2,520 raised, indicated by a green progress bar. Below the goal, it says "Raised by 74 people in 5 months". There are two orange buttons: "Donate Now" and "Share on Facebook". The campaign was created on August 15, 2016, by Kenya Moore on behalf of Mary Leathers, who is a student in Tulsa, OK. A "Recent Donations" section shows two entries: a \$20 donation from an anonymous user 5 months ago, and a \$5 donation from another anonymous user. At the bottom of the page, there are buttons for "Share" and "Tweet", and a notification for "133 shares". There are also tabs for "Story" and "Updates (1)".

My name is De'Juae Leathers and I am a passionate, hardworking, dedicated, and outgoing student at Howard University. I am a sophomore Political Science and African American studies double major and Public Relations minor.

Due to the many knives life throws at you fulfilling the responsibility of paying for my education alone has become a burden that is keeping me from enrolling for a new year.

## OREGON

### Oregon College Data

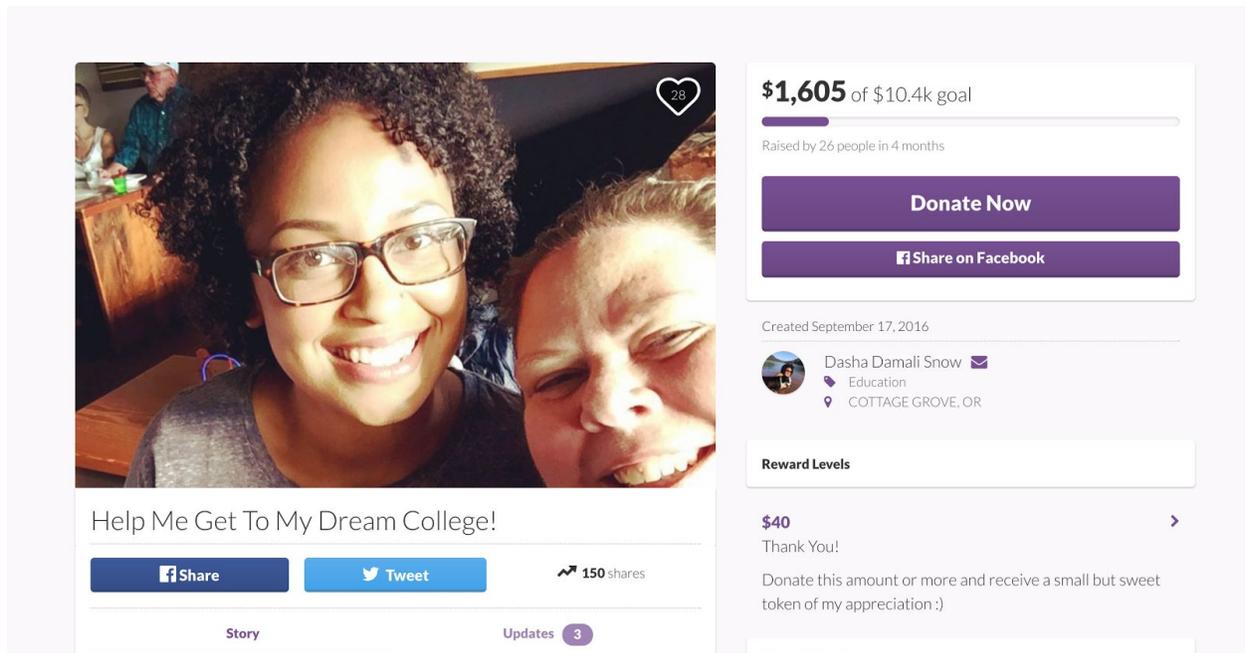
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Oregon: \$9,693

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Oregon: 2,131

Total Money Raised: \$1.07M million

Total Number of Donations: 15,500

### Help Me Get To My Dream College!



The screenshot displays a GoFundMe campaign titled "Help Me Get To My Dream College!". The campaign is led by Dasha Damali Snow, who is a student in Cottage Grove, OR. The goal is to raise \$10.4k, and currently, \$1,605 has been raised by 26 people in 4 months. The page includes a "Donate Now" button, a "Share on Facebook" button, and a "Reward Levels" section. The reward level shown is \$40, with a "Thank You!" message and a description: "Donate this amount or more and receive a small but sweet token of my appreciation :)". The campaign was created on September 17, 2016. The page also shows social media sharing options (Facebook, Tweet) and a "150 shares" count.

First off, if you're reading this: Thank you so much for visiting my page and being a part of my journey!

In June of this year, I was accepted to my dream school - [Prescott College](#) in Prescott, Arizona! It's a very small liberal arts college located in central Arizona that focuses on Social Justice and the environment. I would love to pursue a degree in either [Border Studies](#) and/or [Social Justice and Human Rights](#). I want to make a difference - whether it's on a personal or broader level - and I know that I absolutely have the passion for it. I plan on starting at Prescott College in January 2017.

# PENNSYLVANIA

## Pennsylvania College Data

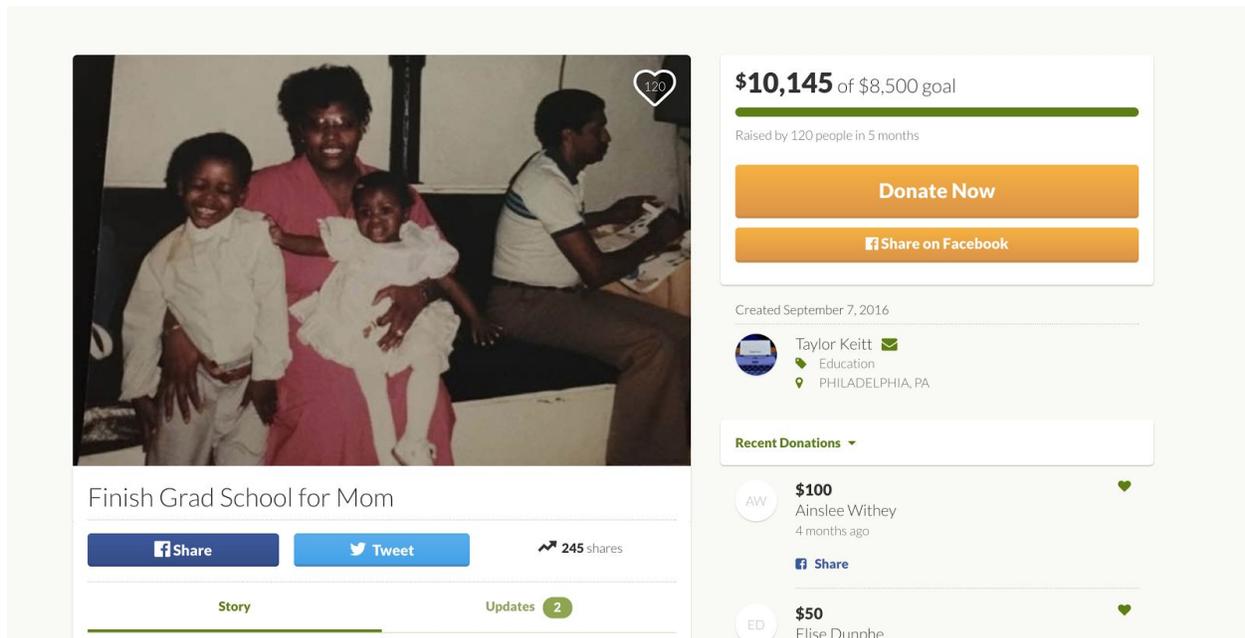
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Pennsylvania: \$13,884**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Pennsylvania: 4,314**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.87 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 31,290**

## Finish Grad School for Mom



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a photograph of a woman in a pink dress holding a baby, with another woman and a man standing behind them. The campaign title is "Finish Grad School for Mom". The progress bar shows \$10,145 raised of an \$8,500 goal. The campaign was created on September 7, 2016, by Taylor Keitt, who is in the Education category and located in Philadelphia, PA. Recent donations are listed: Ainslee Withey (\$100, 4 months ago) and Elise Dunphe (\$50).

**\$10,145** of \$8,500 goal

Raised by 120 people in 5 months

[Donate Now](#)

[Share on Facebook](#)

Created September 7, 2016

 Taylor Keitt ✓  
Education  
PHILADELPHIA, PA

**Recent Donations**

 **\$100**  
Ainslee Withey  
4 months ago  
[Share](#)

 **\$50**  
Elise Dunphe

Finish Grad School for Mom

[Share](#) [Tweet](#) 245 shares

Story Updates 2

On August 21st, 2016 my mother, Dorothea Davis, passed away suddenly at the age of 59. In addition to being the best confidant, provider, protector, and friend that anyone could ask for, she was a lifelong health professional, working as a medical records transcriber for 27 years; before that, she was a Social Worker at the former Medical College of Pennsylvania's Neonatal Ward for a decade.

## RHODE ISLAND

### Rhode Island College Data

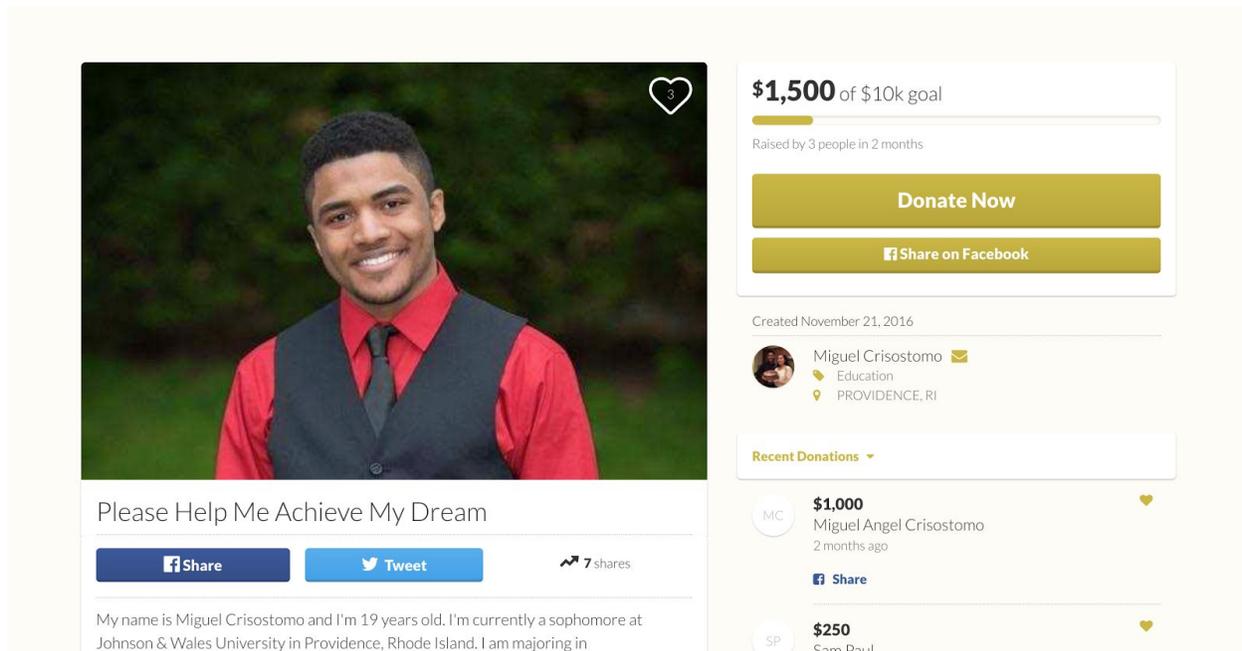
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Rhode Island: \$11,407**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Rhode Island: 373**

**Total Money Raised: 206,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 3,400**

### Please Help Me Achieve My Dream



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for Miguel Crisostomo. On the left is a portrait of Miguel, a young man with short dark hair, wearing a red shirt, a dark vest, and a dark tie. To the right of the portrait is a progress bar showing \$1,500 raised of a \$10k goal, with a note that it was raised by 3 people in 2 months. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on November 21, 2016. The creator's name is Miguel Crisostomo, with a location tag for Providence, RI and a category of Education. Below this is a 'Recent Donations' section showing two donations: \$1,000 from Miguel Angel Crisostomo (2 months ago) and \$250 from Sam Paul.

My name is Miguel Crisostomo and I'm 19 years old. I'm currently a sophomore at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. I am majoring in Sports/Entertainment/Event Management in the hospitality wing and I need your help to achieve my dream of continuing my education.

Being the eldest son of my father and deceased mother, I want to be the best I can be for myself and my younger brothers, Michael, 14, and Angel, 7. I am the first in my close family to make it this far in my educational career and I want to be a role model to them so they can strive to be the best they can be as well. I don't want to let an object such as money stop me from continuing my dream but unfortunately, this is where we are.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### South Carolina College Data

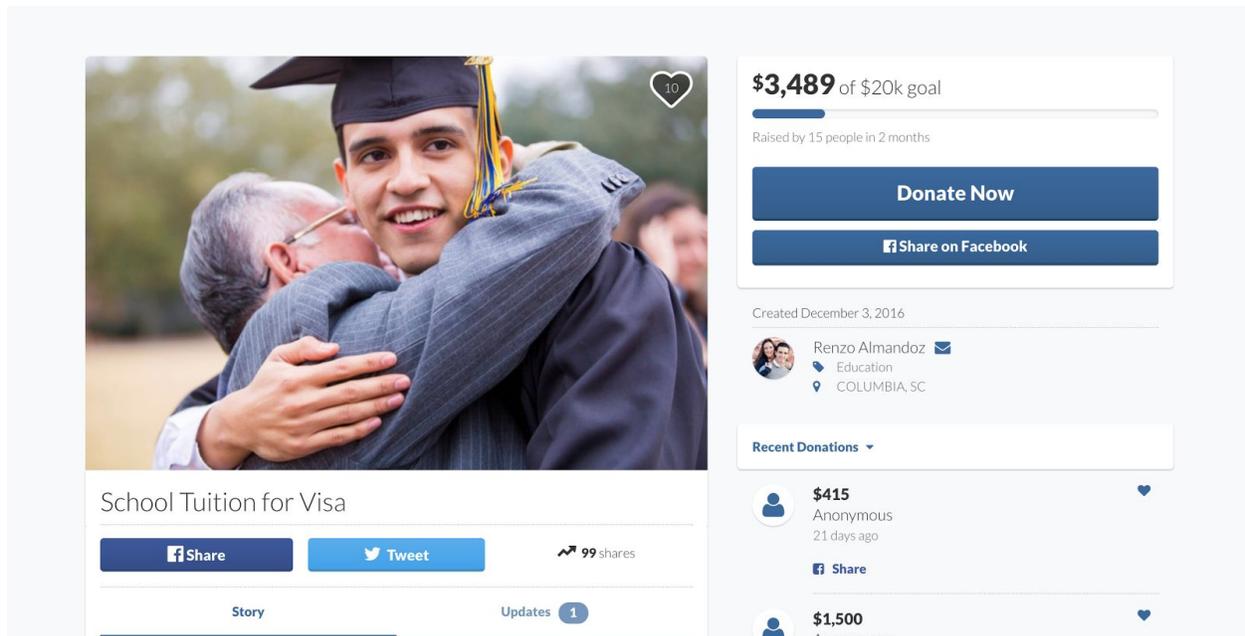
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In South Carolina: \$12,192**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In South Carolina: 1,831**

**Total Money Raised: \$767,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 13,774**

### School Tuition for Visa



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for 'School Tuition for Visa'. The main image is a young man in a graduation cap and gown being hugged by an older man. The campaign has a goal of \$20,000 and has raised \$3,489 from 15 people in 2 months. The creator is Renzo Almandoz, a student in Columbia, SC. Recent donations include \$415 from an anonymous donor 21 days ago and \$1,500 from another anonymous donor.

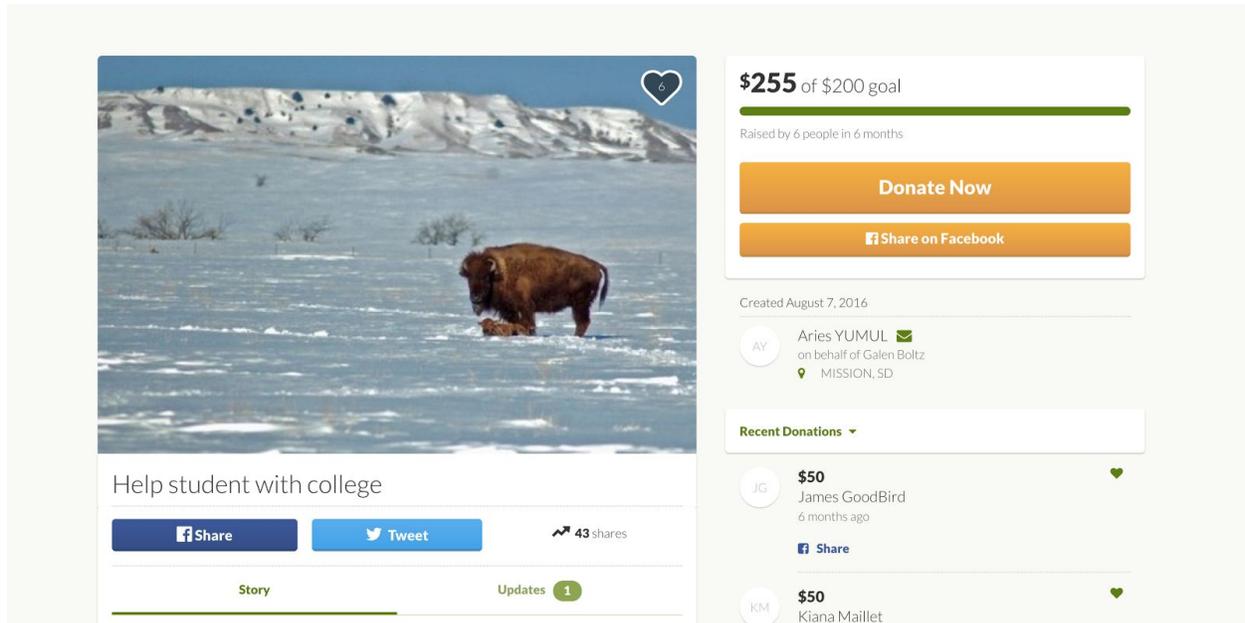
Hi Everyone,

As most of you know, I am an international student from Peru who came to the United States to pursue a better education, opportunities, and quality of life. The main event that preceded this opportunity to come here was of the tragedy suffered by my entire family in the untimely death of my father. Despite that, since my arrival in Columbia 9 years ago, I have most definitely been blessed. I came to the States when I was 13 and started as a freshman in high school at Ben Lippen. I was blessed with a scholarship that allowed me to study and live in the boarding program throughout high school

# SOUTH DAKOTA

**South Dakota College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In South Dakota: \$8,138**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In South Dakota: 163**  
**Total Money Raised: 69,400**  
**Total Number of Donations: 1,094**

## Help student with college



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a photo of a bison in a snowy field with mountains in the background. The campaign title is "Help student with college". Below the title are social sharing buttons for Facebook and Twitter, and a share count of 43. The campaign progress bar shows \$255 raised of a \$200 goal, with a "Donate Now" button and a "Share on Facebook" button. The campaign was created on August 7, 2016, by Aries YUMUL on behalf of Galen Boltz in Mission, SD. Recent donations are listed as \$50 from James GoodBird and \$50 from Kiana Maillet.

A student of mine needs some help! He is moving away to college, but in the middle of the situation he was kicked out of his house. His parents no longer wish to help pay for his residence fee for his dorm. He has complete financial aid, but will not receive the money in time for the dorm fee! Please help this amazing student out.

## TENNESSEE

### Tennessee College Data

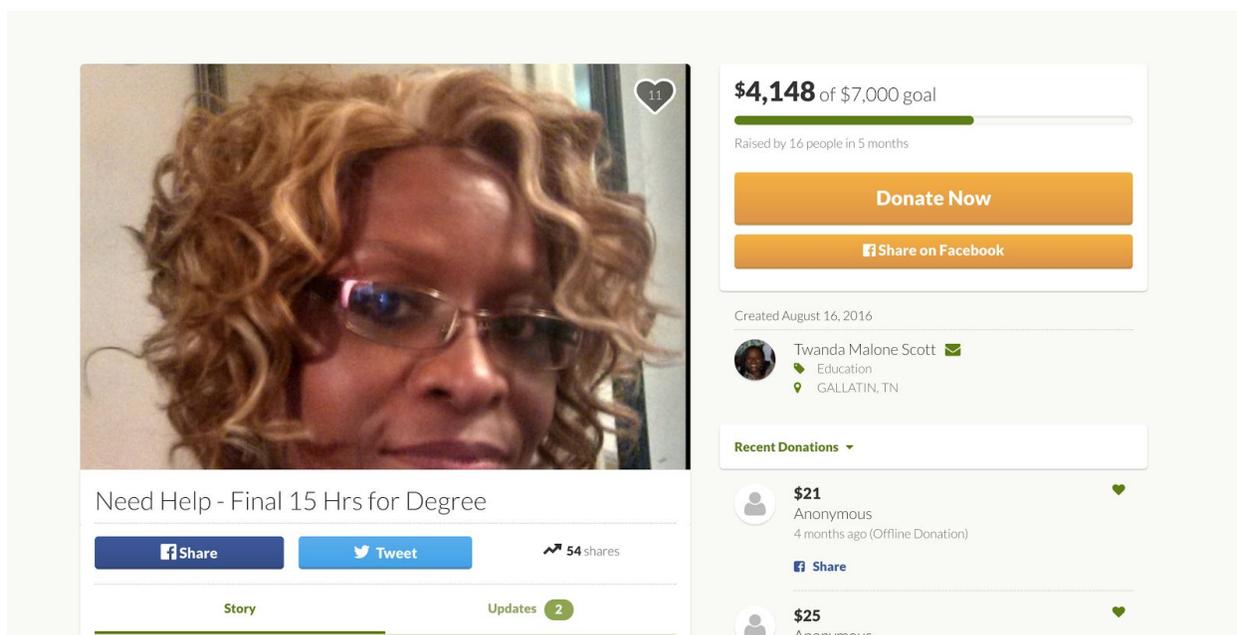
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Tennessee: \$9,518**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Tennessee: 2,570**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.03 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 16,100**

### Need Help - Final 15 Hrs for Degree



**\$4,148** of \$7,000 goal  
Raised by 16 people in 5 months

[Donate Now](#)

[Share on Facebook](#)

Created August 16, 2016

**Twanda Malone Scott** Education GALLATIN, TN

**Recent Donations**

- \$21** Anonymous 4 months ago (Offline Donation) [Share](#)
- \$25** Anonymous

Need Help - Final 15 Hrs for Degree

[Share](#) [Tweet](#) 54 shares

[Story](#) [Updates](#) 2

I am Twanda Scott. I am in the process of completing my BS Degree in Healthcare Administration at Middle TN State Univ. I have done this completely on-line, as this is the only way I could go back to school. Federal & bank loan fundings are no longer available for me. I am at the last 2 semesters and in need of assistance. I was told on 8/11/2016, a couple of weeks before the semester starts, that I had max'd out on my school loan amounts. The deadlines for most scholarships has passed. I am also doing other things to help myself, such as: emptying savings, tuition reimbursement at work, etc. , to be proactive in this endeavor. I would greatly appreciate your kind support. Thank you so very, very much and God bless you extra for your kindness!

## TEXAS

### Texas College Data

Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Texas: \$9,566

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Texas: 10,152

Total Money Raised: \$4.6 million

Total Number of Donations: 65,600

### Martha Sheeder Endowed Scholarship

**\$12,870** of \$50k goal

Raised by 114 people in 3 months

[Donate Now](#)

[Share on Facebook](#)

Created November 3, 2016

**Meredith Sheeder** on behalf of Susan Anz  
Education  
DALLAS, TX

**Recent Donations**

- \$10** Florine Caldwell 17 hours ago
- \$250**

On October 15, 2016, Martha Painter Sheeder collapsed at dinner for an unknown reason and was without oxygen for too long, resulting in severe and irreversible brain damage. She was removed from life support on October 20, 2016 and passed within minutes, surrounded by her loving family.

As most know, Martha returned to school to study nursing later in life at Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing in Dallas. Just prior to finishing her studies, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Fighting cancer was likely one of the most difficult experiences of her life, but she didn't show it--she never lost her sense of humor and positivity. She knew God's plan was bigger than this.

# UTAH

## Utah College Data

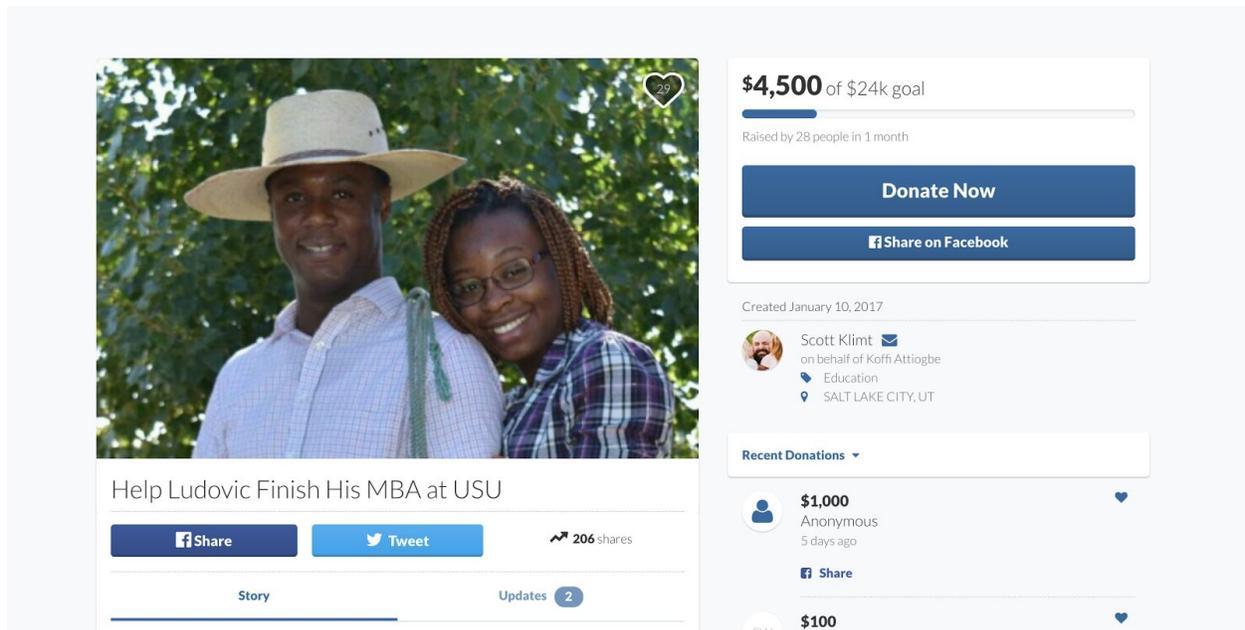
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Utah: \$6,581

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Utah: 1,064

Total Money Raised: 497,000

Total Number of Donations: 7,346

## [Help Ludovic Finish His MBA at USU](#)



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign titled "Help Ludovic Finish His MBA at USU". The campaign has a goal of \$24,000 and has raised \$4,500 from 28 people in 1 month. The campaign was created on January 10, 2017, by Scott Klimt on behalf of Koffi Attiogbe, who is in Salt Lake City, UT. Recent donations include \$1,000 from an anonymous donor 5 days ago and \$100 from EVM. The campaign page includes a photo of Ludovic and his family, a "Donate Now" button, and a "Share on Facebook" button.

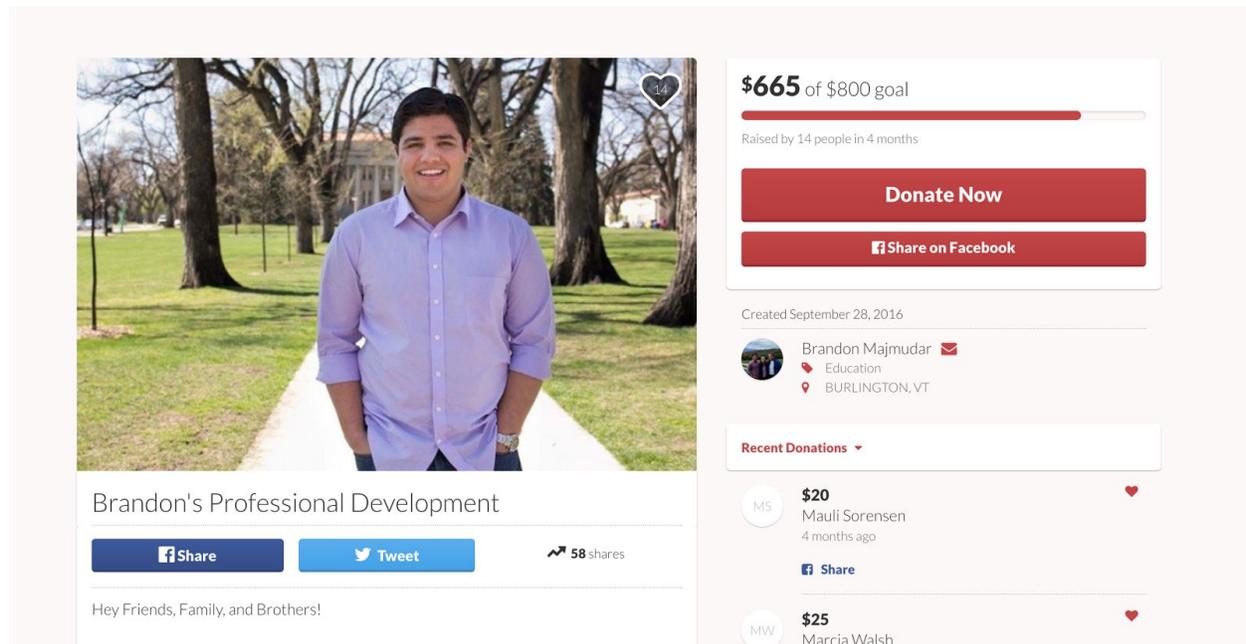
Over the past 8 years Will and MJ McGregor have traveled to Africa a few times each year for a month or so. They do so as part of a service mission to teach midwives, nurses, and doctors neonatal resuscitation.

On one of their first trips to Africa, Will and MJ met Ludovic (Ludo) Attiogbe. Ludo has served as the in-country contact for the projects and as their guide, translator, advisor and indispensable assistant during all of their trips to Togo. Working so closely together under high pressure conditions in some very difficult circumstances, the McGregors became very well acquainted with Ludo. Eventually they were able to meet Ludo's family and to spend some down-time together.

# VERMONT

**Vermont College Data**  
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Vermont: \$15,446**  
**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Vermont: 339**  
**Total Money Raised: \$168,000**  
**Total Number of Donations: 2,800**

## Brandon's Professional Development



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for 'Brandon's Professional Development'. On the left is a photo of Brandon Majmudar, a young man in a light purple shirt, standing on a path in a park-like setting. To the right of the photo is a progress bar showing '\$665 of \$800 goal' raised by 14 people in 4 months. Below the progress bar are buttons for 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. The campaign was created on September 28, 2016, by Brandon Majmudar, who is an education student in Burlington, VT. Below the campaign details are two recent donations: \$20 from Maui Sorensen (4 months ago) and \$25 from Marcia Walsh. At the bottom of the campaign page, there are social media share buttons for Facebook and Twitter, and a text area with the message 'Hey Friends, Family, and Brothers!' and '58 shares'.

Hey Friends, Family, and Brothers!

I am currently a first year Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration graduate student at the University of Vermont pursuing my dream of working with college students!

As a professional it is imperative that I continue my education outside of the classroom at professional conferences and webinars.

# VIRGINIA

## Virginia College Data

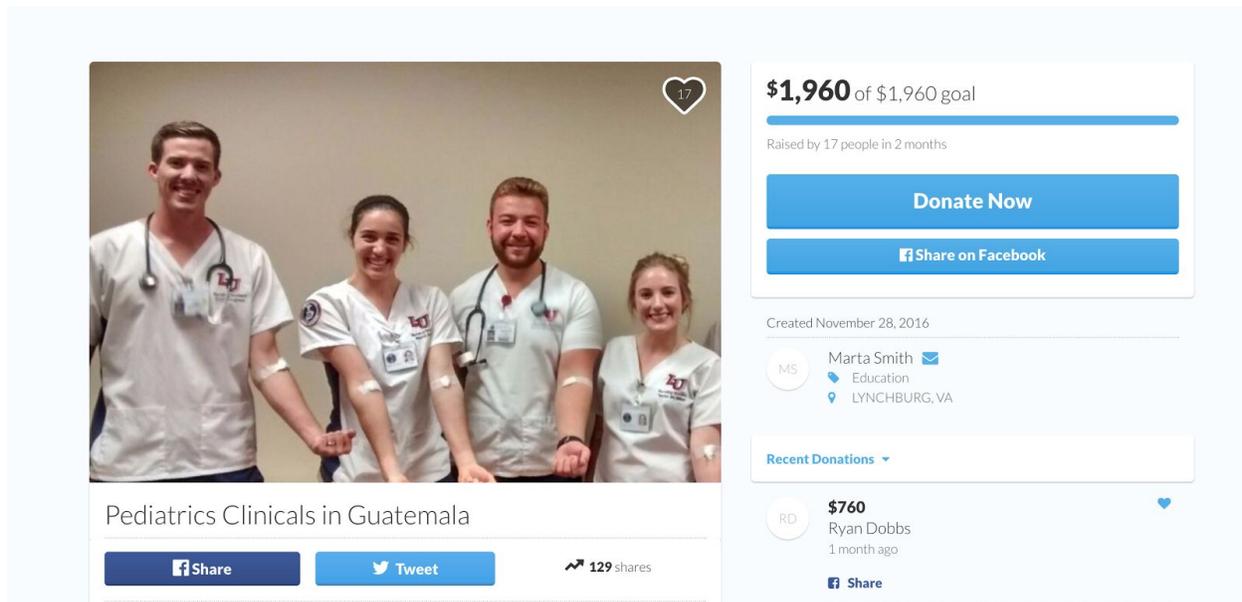
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Virginia: \$12,323**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Virginia: 3,447**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.47 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 23,600**

## Pediatrics Clinicals in Guatemala



The screenshot displays a GoFundMe campaign titled "Pediatrics Clinicals in Guatemala". On the left, a photograph shows four medical students in white scrubs with stethoscopes. The campaign has reached its goal of \$1,960, with a progress bar showing 100% completion. It was raised by 17 people in 2 months. The campaign was created on November 28, 2016, by Marta Smith, who is a student in Lynchburg, VA. A recent donation of \$760 from Ryan Dobbs is listed, made one month ago. Social sharing options for Facebook and Twitter are visible, along with 129 shares.

Dear friends and family,

These last couple years, I have been at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, studying nursing in the hope and plan of using my nursing skills on the mission field someday. This past summer, an amazing opportunity opened up for me to join a medical missions team led by the Liberty School of Osteopathic Medicine and the School of Nursing to be able to do my Pediatrics clinicals in Guatemala.

## WASHINGTON

### Washington College Data

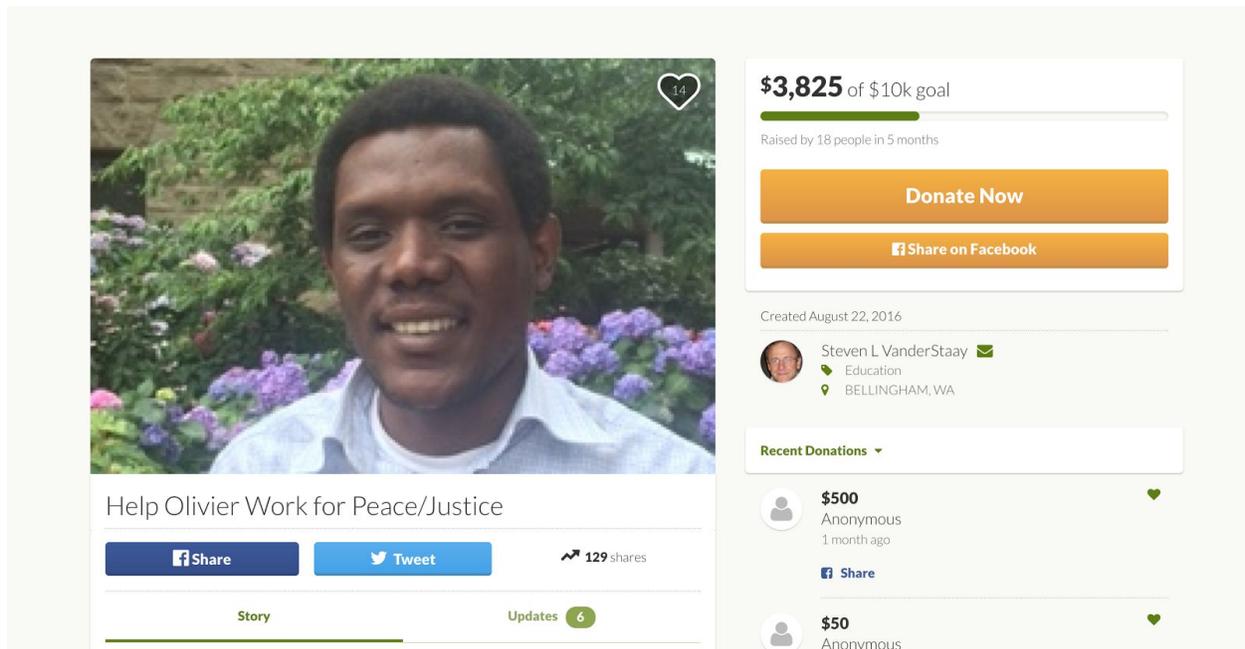
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Washington: \$9,265**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Washington: 3,034**

**Total Money Raised: \$1.49 million**

**Total Number of Donations: 20,700**

### Help Olivier Work for Peace/Justice



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left is a photo of a smiling man, Olivier, in front of purple flowers. To the right of the photo is a progress bar showing \$3,825 raised of a \$10k goal, with a 'Donate Now' button and a 'Share on Facebook' button. Below the photo are social media share buttons for Facebook and Twitter, and a 'Story' section. On the right side, the campaign details are listed: 'Created August 22, 2016', 'Steven L VanderStaay' (Education, Bellingham, WA), and a 'Recent Donations' list showing two anonymous donations of \$500 and \$50.

A child who lived through the Rwandan genocide and the civil war in Zaire, Olivier Ndikumana dreamed of growing up to work for humanitarian organizations, like the aid workers he met in the refugee camps he lived in as a boy. In pursuit of this dream, he studied French at school, English at home, and documentary film-making with the Voice of America. Recognized for his successful videos about Rwanda's peace and reconciliation efforts, and his skill in languages, he was soon working throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo for international media and relief organizations.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### West Virginia College Data

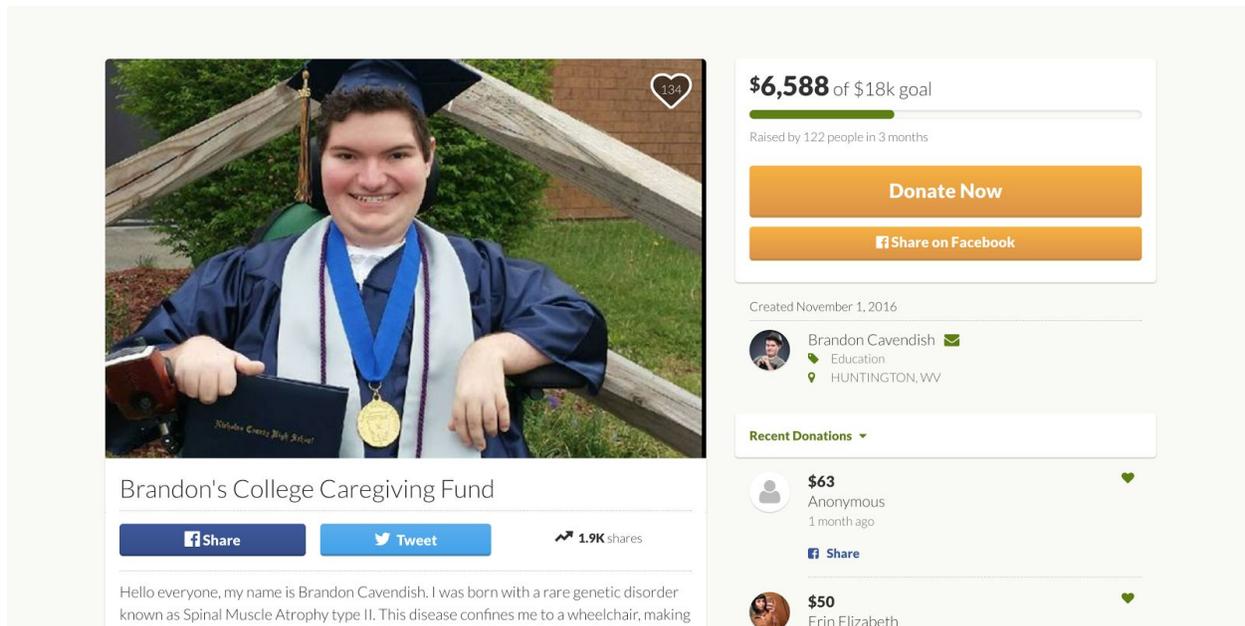
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In West Virginia: \$7,488**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In West Virginia: 395**

**Total Money Raised: 111,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 2,000**

### Brandon's College Caregiving Fund



**\$6,588** of \$18k goal  
Raised by 122 people in 3 months

[Donate Now](#)  
[Share on Facebook](#)

Created November 1, 2016

Brandon Cavendish  
Education  
HUNTINGTON, WV

**Recent Donations**

- \$63  
Anonymous  
1 month ago  
[Share](#)
- \$50  
Erin Elizabeth

Brandon's College Caregiving Fund

[Share](#) [Tweet](#) 1.9K shares

Hello everyone, my name is Brandon Cavendish. I was born with a rare genetic disorder known as Spinal Muscle Atrophy type II. This disease confines me to a wheelchair, making

Hello everyone, my name is Brandon Cavendish. I was born with a rare genetic disorder known as Spinal Muscle Atrophy type II. This disease confines me to a wheelchair, making me completely dependant upon others to take care of me. Even though I am physically disabled I have not let that stop me. All throughout my education I excelled in academics and was consistently in the top of my class. I am a member of the National Honor Society, attended Mountaineer Boys State among numerous other achievements. I kept a 3.9 GPA all through highschool and was involved in show choir, and choir all throughout school. I am currently enrolled at Marshall University in West Virginia as a freshman Computer Science major. Computers have always been a passion of mine and I hope to one day make a contribution to the technological society.

# WISCONSIN

## Wisconsin College Data

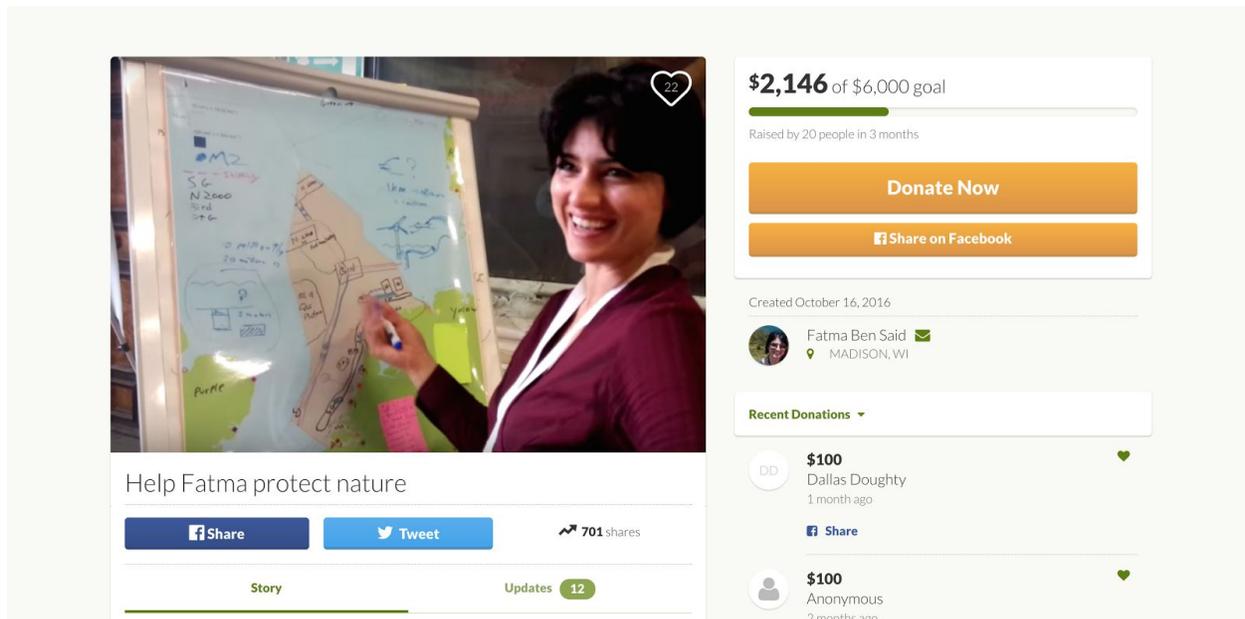
**Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Wisconsin: \$8,928**

**Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Wisconsin: 1,713**

**Total Money Raised: 677,000**

**Total Number of Donations: 11,200**

## Help Fatma protect nature



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page. On the left, a woman (Fatma) is smiling and pointing at a whiteboard with architectural drawings. The whiteboard has handwritten notes and diagrams. The campaign title is "Help Fatma protect nature". The progress bar shows \$2,146 of a \$6,000 goal, raised by 20 people in 3 months. There are buttons for "Donate Now" and "Share on Facebook". The campaign was created on October 16, 2016, by Fatma Ben Said in Madison, WI. Recent donations include \$100 from Dallas Doughty (1 month ago) and \$100 from an anonymous donor (2 months ago). The page has 701 shares and 12 updates.

I am Fatma, originally from Bizerta in North Tunisia and I have been living in Venice for several years where I completed my studies in Architecture and practiced the field with a Master Architect Iginio Bonoldi.

My passion for the sea and my deep love for my native city which was disfigured and ruined by a massive project called Marina Cap 3000 made me shift my career. The upsetting social and environmental impacts caused by this project took me to pursue a master's degree in Marine Spatial Planning.

# WYOMING

## Wyoming College Data

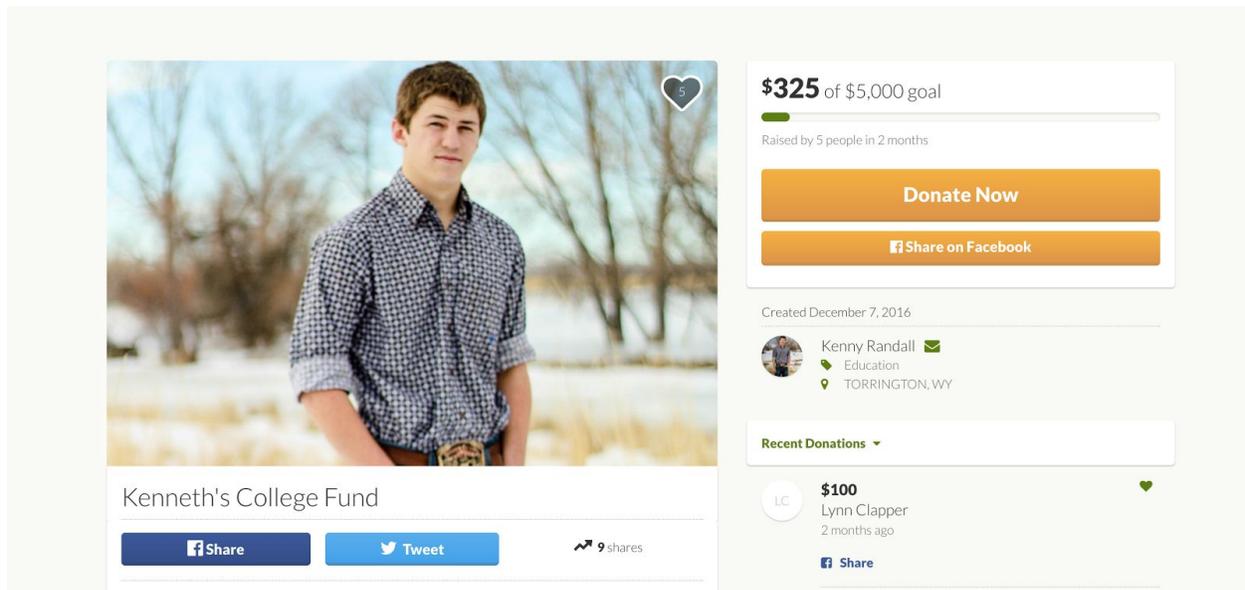
Average Cost of Attending A Public University In Wyoming: \$5,055

Number of GoFundMe Campaigns In Wyoming: 120

Total Money Raised: 40,000

Total Number of Donations: 584

## Kenneth's College Fund



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for 'Kenneth's College Fund'. On the left is a photo of a young man, Kenneth Randall, standing in a field. To the right of the photo is a progress bar showing '\$325 of \$5,000 goal' with a small heart icon and the number '5'. Below the progress bar, it says 'Raised by 5 people in 2 months'. There are two orange buttons: 'Donate Now' and 'Share on Facebook'. Below these buttons, it says 'Created December 7, 2016'. The creator's profile is shown as 'Kenny Randall' with a verified email icon, 'Education' as a category, and 'TORRINGTON, WY' as the location. Below the profile is a 'Recent Donations' section with a dropdown arrow. The first donation is from 'Lynn Clapper' for '\$100' made '2 months ago', with a 'Share' button.

Hi, my name is Kenneth Randall. I am a Wyoming born and raised farm kid who is now attending college at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. I am raising this money to help me pay for the rest of my college bill. I graduated from a small school in Yoder, Wyoming where I played Football, Basketball, Soccer, was apart of the Southeast FFA Chapter, and a member of 4-H since I was a kid. I grew up with the mindset that hard work was rewarded, and that nothing came for free. My Senior year I discover that my true passion was becoming an Engineer. I worked most of my last summer in Wyoming to try to make enough to pay for college, but I didnt make as much as I needed to. Without the funds to pay my bill I will be kicked out and my dream will be over.