

# National Self-Advocacy Conference

## Fundraising Ideas!



**October 1 – 3, 2020 in Denver Colorado**

at <http://sabeconference.org/>

**NEED MONEY TO GO? Here are a few ideas!**



### **If you get services, ask your agency for one-time money**

If you receive services, ask your service coordinator to request one-time money. Also, your waiver can pay for your staff person's expenses and some of your costs (not food or hotel). It can be easy to do if you have a respite budget through ARIS. Talk to your team about using respite funds to go to a conference & how to process the payments through ARIS.



There are websites that can help you fundraise.



<https://pages.gofundme.com/fundraiser-success-tips/how-gofundme-works/>



Write a letter to your family, friends, United Way, Elks Club, VFW, your church, mosque or synagogue. Tell them about the conference and why it is important to go.

If you go to the conference you will learn about speaking up for yourself, meet famous self-advocates who are national leaders, meet new friends, go to interesting workshops, and have fun!



Start saving your money now. Make a budget and try to save some money each month. If starting in October you saved \$50 a month you would have \$600 by the time of the conference.



Tell the people in your life (family, friends, service coordinator, staff) that you want to go and ask them to help you raise the money. Use the SABE conference website to plan your budget. [www.sabeconference.org](http://www.sabeconference.org)

## **SAMPLE FUNDRAISING LETTER**

I am writing to ask you to help me go to the national self-advocacy conference. For many years now, I have been very active in my local self-advocacy group. My group is all about helping people with disabilities to speak up for themselves.

Every few years there is a national conference. Over 1,000 people with disabilities from all over the country go this conference. I am excited about going and representing my state because this time I plan to help teach a workshop.

It will cost me around \$1,200 to go to this 3-day conference (<http://sabeconference.org/>) The reasons why it is important for me to go are because:

1. I will learn more about my rights and how to speak up for myself
2. I will get to meet people from all over the country including famous self-advocates who are national leaders of the self-advocacy movement.
3. I will learn a lot by presenting a workshop at a national conference
4. I will learn good ideas to bring back home when I go to workshops taught by other people with disabilities.

Thank you for helping me out by donating to my conference fund. It will help me be a stronger advocate for myself and other people with disabilities. Please give me a call if you want to help me fundraise.

Thanks,