

Funding for Educational & Leadership Events

Different Ways Chapters Can Fund Attendance at Educational Events

- 1** Ask your Chapter Advisor and either your House Corporation Board President or Alumni Association President if there are Chapter Fund balances available through Acacia Fraternity Foundation.
- 2** Ask your Chapter Advisor and either your House Corporation Board President or Alumni Association President if there is a local chapter fund with balances available to utilize.
- 3** Make requests to specific alumni to pay for flights or gas.
- 4** Review chapter budget to determine what funds are available.
- 5** Check with your campus to see if there are funds available through the Fraternity/Sorority Life Office AND/OR Student Government. Many institutions have a student funding board or student activity funds they can give out to registered student organizations for educational/leadership development events and programs.

Some Tips and Tricks To Consider:

- Book plane tickets sooner rather than later. Booking six weeks out on a Tuesday is typically cheapest. *Reminder: Sites like Kayak, Expedia, etc. do not show pricing for Southwest flights.*
- Check and see if an alumnus has airline points they would be willing to use to book flights.
- If in driving distance, plan a fun road trip with your brothers! Pack 4-5 brothers in a car and drive there together. Find a fun or interesting place to stop along the way like “the world’s largest X”, the state line sign, or a random hall of fame.
- Send letters to alumni asking for donations to your Chapter Fund with Acacia Fraternity Foundation. Building up donations is helpful if you hope to utilize funds frequently. A great time to ask is in November/December as many people are in a giving mood or need to give to round out their year. *Reminder: It is easier to ask for donations from alumni if your chapter sends out regular communication via chapter newsletters. Check out our AHQ e-newsletter program here! It can help you!*
- Add Summit, ALA, and Conclave to a line item in your budget. Add in more than the registration fees AHQ will bill regardless of attendance. *Example: Adding even just \$5 per member to dues per semester to go to educational event registration and travel can be reasonable and support brothers attending these important educational events.*