



## **Student Scholarship Raising Handbook**

Raising support is about more than just getting money, it is about the people with whom you are building and strengthening relationships. It is about creating an awareness for OneLife and the mission of discipleship and inviting people into this life changing experience you are about to begin. When you ask someone to support you, you are not merely asking for money, you are inviting them into the work that God is doing in your heart, with your life, and for His glory.

These connections and relationships are just as valuable as the dollars you raise. These supporters are now thinking about you and praying for you and the ministry of OneLife. Even if someone does not give, it may open other opportunities that you would have never thought possible.

Checks can be written to OneLife Institute with your name in the memo line. OneLife will retain 10% of funds raised to cover administration costs and banking fees. Support will only be accepted until August 1. All other support received after move-in day will be accepted as a gift to OneLife Institute.

### **Support Raising Checklist**

1. Personalize the sample support letter and make it your own.
2. Feel free to submit a draft of a support letter to your admissions counselor for approval and suggestions for revision.
3. Finalize your support letter.
4. Send out support letter to support contacts.
5. Send out a thank you letter to all of your support contacts.

*See sample support letter attached*



Dear Friends and Family,

God has been up to some crazy things in my life recently. All of it leading up to my following the Lord's lead and attending a Gap-Year program this Fall. But not just any gap-year program. I will be attending OneLife Institute! OneLife is a 9-month Christian gap year program based out of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It was started 10 years ago, and they now have 4 locations! I will be attending the \_\_\_\_\_ location in \_\_\_\_\_.

OneLife's 3 Student Outcomes are *grow in Christian character*, *clarify your calling*, and *develop relational wisdom*: 3 things the world desperately needs! OneLife doesn't just stay inside the classroom, although they do invite some of the best speakers around, they emphasize experiential learning and have international and domestic travel built into their curriculum. Students are also required to log a certain number of service hours within their community as well as when they travel. Oh, and did I mention that I will get 30 college credits? That takes care of my entire Freshman year!

I am eager to share this update with you, but I would also like to give you the opportunity to participate personally in this pivotal time in my life. There are several ways you can help out:

**First**, a big way that you can partner with me is to help with some of the program cost. OneLife has been so kind as to let students raise support to help make the cost of the program more manageable. The program costs **\$24,500** before any other scholarships or financial aid. I have already received \$\_\_\_\_\_ in merit scholarships and grants, so I am hoping you can help me tackle the other \$\_\_\_\_\_.

So, if you are willing to make a *one-time non-tax-deductible* donation toward my experience at OneLife, please make checks payable to "OneLife Institute," write "\_\_\_\_\_" in the memo line, and mail to: OneLife Institute 544 N. Penryn Rd. Manheim, PA 17545

OR you can give online by going to <https://donorbox.org/donate-to-onelife> and select "Student Support" then put my name in the comment section.

**Second**, please pray for me as I continue to navigate this significant season of my life!

**Third**, if you would like to receive periodic updates from OneLife, check out OneLife's website ([onelifepath.org](http://onelifepath.org)) and follow OneLife on social media!

I am so confident in the effect OneLife will have on my life and countless other lives, that I also would appreciate you sharing this letter with anyone else you think would want to be a part of my journey in this way. Thank you in advance for your support. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

With gratitude, Student