

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 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, through your life, and for His glory. These connections and relationships are just as valuable as the dollars you raise. Even if someone does not give financially, they are still provided the opportunity to invest in your life through prayer and encouragement!

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 a 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,

I'm excited to share that I've been given the opportunity to attend OneLife Institute this Fall! OneLife is a 9-month Christian gap year program based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which has been investing in the lives of young adults for the past 10 years. They now have 5 locations, and I will be attending the **[insert location]** location in **[insert city/state]**.

The mission of OneLife is to “develop and launch servant leaders who live out their faith in every area of life.” To do this, OneLife combines relational learning with hands-on experiences. While I'll spend time in the classroom, I will also have opportunities to apply what I'm learning through domestic and international travel, service projects, leadership opportunities, and living in a close-knit Christian community. At the end of the year, OneLife's goal is for students to have grown in Christian character, clarified their calling, and developed relational wisdom—all while earning a year's worth of college credit!

As I step into this exciting season, I'd like to invite you to join me in this journey, partnering with me through financial contribution or prayerful support.

OneLife allows students to raise support for the program costs, which total \$24,900 before any scholarships or financial aid. I have already received **[\$amount]** in merit scholarships and grants, and am wanting to raise **[\$amount]**. If you feel led to contribute, there are two ways to give:

- **By check:**
Make the check payable to OneLife Institute and write [Your Name] in the memo line.
Mail it to: OneLife Institute | 544 N. Penryn Rd. | Manheim, PA 17545
- **Online:**
Visit onelifepath.org/give
Select “Specific Student Support” and enter my name at the bottom of the form.

Please pray for me as I enter this season of growth and learning. I'm trusting that God will use this time to shape me into the person He's calling me to be. **[Feel free to insert personal prayer requests here]** If you'd like to receive periodic updates about my experience at OneLife, you can follow along on their website (onelifepath.org) or on Instagram. **[If you are planning on sending email updates to friends and family, mention it here]**

Thank you so much for your support—whether through prayer, financial contributions, or in simply being part of my life during this exciting time. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if you'd like to hear more about why I chose OneLife as my next step!

With gratitude,
[Your Name]