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WASHINGTON, D.C.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRIP

From learning about change-makers to becoming leaders who create change.



Leadership • Civic responsibility • Community impact

A leadership experience—not just a field trip

Students will connect the choices of leaders in history to the choices they make today.

- Reflect on their own leadership roles, strengths, and areas for growth.
- Examine how people worked to expand rights and freedoms—often at personal cost.
- Return ready to be responsible, active community members who lead positive change.

AT EACH STOP

Leadership talks

Guided reflection

Student discussion

Guiding question: “How can I use my skills to make a difference in my community?”

Places that make history—and leadership—real

Civic institutions

U.S. Capitol • Library of Congress

Smithsonian museums

American History • Air & Space • Natural History

National monuments

Washington Monument • Lincoln Memorial • Jefferson Memorial

History and sacrifice

Ford’s Theatre • War memorials and other monuments

Students will consider how courage, service, and sacrifice helped shape rights and freedoms for others.

Community support is building momentum

FUNDRAISING GOAL

$32,000

Previously established trip goal

CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED

$8,295.44

Includes anticipated GECU Foundation funds; confirm receipt/status before final reporting.

Parents were informed that any remaining trip expenses not covered by fundraising efforts will be the financial responsibility of the parents/guardians.

FUNDING SOURCES TO DATE

GECU Foundation	**$6,000.00***
Community donations	**$1,745.44**
Homecoming nacho sales	**$233.00**
Rollover from last year's trip	**$317.00**

Active efforts: Vertical Raise fundraiser is underway, and outreach to community partners for trip sponsorships is continuing.

Students can become the change-makers they study.

The goal is for students to return with:

- Greater self-awareness as leaders
- A deeper understanding of civic responsibility
- A personal commitment to serve and improve their community

Support the educational purpose of the trip and continued planning, fundraising, and coordination for a safe, meaningful student leadership experience.

Thank you for supporting opportunities that help Tornillo students lead with purpose.

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Preliminary Budget & Fundraising Plan — 16 Students + 4 Chaperones

16 STUDENTS	**4** CHAPERONES	**20** TOTAL TRAVELERS	**$32,000** FUNDRAISING GOAL

Estimated Trip Expenses

EXPENSE CATEGORY	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	COST PER TRAVELER
Airfare	$11,103.70	$555.19
Lodging	$8,092.00	$404.60
Meals	$9,000.00	$450.00
Transportation within Washington, D.C.	$1,804.30	$90.22
TOTAL PARTICIPANT ALLOCATION	**$30,000.00**	**$1,500.00**

Student & Chaperone Cost Allocation

PARTICIPANT GROUP	COUNT	EST. COST / PERSON	EST. GROUP COST
Students	16	$1,500.00	$24,000.00
Chaperones	4	$1,500.00	$6,000.00
TOTAL	**20**	**$1,500.00**	**$30,000.00**

Budget Summary

Participant cost allocation: $30,000.00

Student cost: $1,500.00 per student

Fundraising goal: $32,000.00

Contingency / additional funds: $2,000.00

The $32,000 fundraising goal is maintained while establishing a $1,500 estimated cost per student. The 20-person participant allocation is $30,000, leaving $2,000 for contingency and additional eligible trip expenses.

Fundraising Purpose

The fundraising goal is intended to help cover airfare, lodging, meals, transportation within Washington, D.C., and reasonable unforeseen travel-related expenses. The $2,000 contingency provides flexibility for airfare fluctuations, taxes and fees, lodging changes, or other eligible trip expenses.

Planning Note: All figures are preliminary estimates and may change as travel arrangements, airfare, lodging, meal costs, and transportation are finalized. Donations and fundraising proceeds should be processed in accordance with district policies and procedures.

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Dear Donor/Sponsor,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Jorge Lazo, and I am reaching out on behalf of Tornillo High School to share an exciting opportunity for our students and ask for your support in making this experience possible.

This upcoming spring, 16 student leaders from grades 10th and 11th will have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. as part of our Student Leadership Trip. Students will experience meaningful educational, civic, and leadership opportunities while visiting our nation's capital.

The trip will allow students to learn firsthand about American history, government, civic responsibility, and leadership. Students will have opportunities to visit significant historical and governmental institutions while developing teamwork, responsibility, and leadership skills that they can bring back to their school and community.

For many of our students, this could be a once-in-a-lifetime educational experience. However, airfare, lodging, meals, and transportation create a significant financial challenge. Our estimated trip expenses are approximately $29,395.70, and our fundraising goal is $32,000 to help cover these costs and provide a small contingency for unforeseen travel expenses. A detailed budget breakdown outlining the estimated costs for airfare, lodging, meals, transportation, and the overall trip expenses will be included with this donation request for your review.

We are seeking donations and sponsorships from local businesses, organizations, foundations, and community members who believe in investing in our students and their future. Contributions of $250, $500, $1,000, or any amount would make a meaningful difference in helping our students participate. Our goal is not simply to take students on a trip, but to provide an experience that will inspire them to lead, serve, and become more engaged members of their community. Your support can help remove financial barriers and make this opportunity accessible to our student leaders.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration and support. Every contribution brings us closer to our goal and helps invest in the future of our students. We would be honored to recognize our community partners through appropriate school communications and trip-related materials, in accordance with district policies.

Thank you for your commitment to youth, education, leadership, and the Tornillo community. I would be happy to speak with you further and answer any questions regarding the trip or opportunities to support our students.

With gratitude,

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