

This is a response previously published by Panel 58 Chairperson Diane C. It is worthy of reading again.

Thank you for your "Ask It Basket" question regarding fund raising for Alateens to attend Area Conventions and/or Area Alateen Conferences. I am thinking that you meant Alateen and not Al-Anon in your last sentence.

There is a wealth of information in our Service Manual (P24-27) about the various aspects of Alateen that I would suggest you review but for educational purposes there is a section in P24, Groups at Work, Pg. 27, How Alateen Came to Be a Part of Al-Anon Family Groups. This would be great to share with your District or Group Members who may not be too familiar with Alateen.

With regard, to your specific question about fund raising in support of Alateens attending Area Conventions and/or Area Alateen Conferences on Pg. 97 of the Service Manual there is a chapter on Events with Alateen Participation that explains there can be fundraising for these activities. It is perfectly acceptable for Groups or Districts to fund raise for these events for Alateen members to attend. The long-range objective is that, like any Al-Anon group, Alateen would become fully self-supporting but there are instances when fund raising is most appropriate. Your reading of some of the Alateen references in the Service Manual will be helpful for you to broaden your understanding.

In addition, Guideline, G-16, Alateen Conferences has some useful information as well.

Again, thank you so much for your question. I am hopeful that this is helpful to you. If you have any additional questions and/or comments please contact me again. I'll be happy to be of help.

Your Trusted Servant,  
Diane C., Area Chairperson Panel 58

Please refer to the Alateen Resources page for information about districts receiving area funds to conduct their own Alateen Round Ups.

Thanks, Elsa C., Chairperson Panel 61