

FUNDING AN AUTHOR VISIT

Hosting an author visit for your school sounds like a great idea. However, with costs anywhere from over \$100 to \$1,000, it may seem like a fairy tale instead. Here's how to make your wish of an author visit come true:

GRANTS – check with some professional organizations:

- The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) www.scbwi.org
- The National Education Association (NEA)
- The American Library Association (ALA) <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/>
- Local professional teaching organizations

FUNDRAISE:

- Use book fair money to host an Author Visit
- Hold a drawing: sell chances to win a Pizza Lunch with the Author
- Hold a bake sale
- Overdue Library Book Fines
- Sell used books
- Sell dress down day passes for schools with uniforms
- Sell special hot lunches such as Hot Dog Day or Pizza Day

OTHER IDEAS:

- Fund a visit like you would a field trip.
- Check with your Parent/Teacher Organization or Home and School Organization for support or ideas
- Check with local businesses
- Lee and Low http://www.leeandlow.com/p/administrators_grants.mhtml

