



Donor Guide

How to browse campaigns, make donations, and track your giving

Donors & Visitors

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1 Account Registration

1 Navigate to the registration page

Open your browser and go to kidstarter.online/register. You can also click "Get Started Free" or "Sign Up" from any page on the site.

2 Fill in your account details

Complete the registration form with your information. All fields except Full Name are required.

Field	Type	Expected Input	Req.
Full Name	Text	Your display name (e.g., "Jane Smith"). Shown when you donate or comment.	No
Email Address	Email	A valid, unique email address. Used for login and donation receipts.	Yes
Password	Password	Minimum 8 characters. Choose something strong and memorable.	Yes

3 Select the Donor role

You will see four role cards in a 2×2 grid. Click the "Donor" card (green heart icon) which says "Support students with donations". This is the default selection.

Tip: You do not need an account to donate. But having one lets you track your donation history and access the Tax Center.

4 Create your account

Click "Create Account". If successful, you will be redirected to the login page with a confirmation message. Log in with your new credentials.

2 Logging In

1 Go to the login page

Navigate to kidstarter.online/login or click "Log In" in the top navigation bar.

2 Enter your credentials

Type your registered email address and password, then click "Log In".

Field	Type	Expected Input	Req.
Email	Email	The email you used during registration.	Yes
Password	Password	Your account password.	Yes

Tip: If you see "Invalid email or password", double-check your email spelling and password.

3 Browsing Campaigns

1 Navigate to the campaigns page

Click "Donors" in the top navigation and select "Browse", or go directly to kidstarter.online/campaigns.

2 Filter by category

Use the category pills at the top to filter campaigns. Available categories: All, STEM, Arts, Sports, Tuition, Supplies, and General. Click any pill to filter; click "All" to reset.

3 Filter by region and country

Below the category pills, use the region filter row. Click a continent (e.g., "North America" or "Europe") to see campaigns from that region. When a continent is selected, country pills appear below so you can narrow to a specific country (e.g., "United States", "Germany").

4 Search by title

Type in the search bar at the top to find campaigns by title. Press Enter or click "Search". The search combines with your active category and region filters.

5 Browse campaign cards

Each campaign card shows: a hero image (or category placeholder), the campaign title, student info (first name, last initial, grade, city), a progress bar, amount raised, percentage of goal, and the sponsor name if applicable.

6 Click to view details

Click any campaign card to open the full campaign detail page.

4 Understanding a Campaign Page

1 Hero image and badges

At the top you will see the campaign hero image (or a colored placeholder with a category emoji). Below it are badges showing the category (e.g., "STEM"), the organization name, and the creator.

2 Student information

A card shows the student's first name, last initial (for privacy), grade band (e.g., "K-2", "9-12", "University"), and general city/region. Full identifying details are never shown.

3 The story

The main content area describes what the student needs and why. This is written by the campaign creator (teacher or parent) and reviewed by our moderation team before publishing.

4 Progress and stats

The sidebar shows: total amount raised, goal amount, percentage funded, number of donors, and days remaining. A progress bar visually tracks funding.

5 Donor wall and updates

Below the story, you can see the most recent 15 supporters (with amounts and timing), and any campaign updates posted by the creator. The "Similar Campaigns" section at the bottom suggests related campaigns.

5 Making a Donation

1 Click the donate button

On the campaign detail page, find the "Donate Now" button in the right sidebar. Click it to start the donation process.

2 Enter your donation amount

Choose a preset amount or type a custom one. The minimum donation is \$1 and maximum is \$1,000,000.

Field	Type	Expected Input	Req.
Amount	Number	Dollar amount (min \$1). Stored internally in cents.	Yes
Donor Name	Text	Your name as shown on the donor wall. Leave blank for anonymous.	No
Email	Email	For your donation receipt. We will not share this publicly.	No

Tip: You can donate anonymously by leaving the name field empty. Your email is only used to send the receipt.

3 Complete payment via Stripe

You will be redirected to Stripe's secure checkout page. Enter your card details and confirm payment. KidStarter never sees or stores your card number.

4 Receive your receipt

After a successful payment, you are redirected to a success page showing your receipt token (a unique code like "abc123def"). Save this token! You can use it to look up your receipt at any time.

Tip: If you provided an email, the receipt details are also sent to your inbox.

6 Finding Your Receipt

1 Go to Receipt Lookup

Navigate to "Donors" in the top menu and click "Receipt Lookup", or go directly to kidstarter.online/receipt.

2 Enter your receipt token or email

Type the receipt token you received after donating, or the email address you used. Click "Look Up" to find your receipt.

3 View your receipt

The receipt shows: donation amount, date, campaign title, and your unique receipt token. You can print this page or save it for your tax records.

7 Tax Center

1 Navigate to the Tax Center

Go to "Donors" in the top menu and click "Tax Center", or visit kidstarter.online/tax-center.

2 Review tax information

The Tax Center provides information about tax deductibility of your donations by country, including FAQs about what documentation you need and how to claim deductions.

8 Viewing Donation History

1 Log in and navigate to My Donations

You must be logged in. Go to "Donors" in the top menu and click "My Donations", or navigate to kidstarter.online/dashboard/donations.

2 View your stats and history

At the top you will see summary stats: Total Donated, number of Donations, and Campaigns Supported. Below is a table of all your donations with date, campaign name (linked), amount, and a "View Receipt" button for each.

9 Sharing a Campaign

1 Find the share section

On any campaign detail page, scroll down to the "Help spread the word" section below the story.

2 Use the share buttons

Click any share button to share the campaign: WhatsApp, Email, X/Twitter, LinkedIn, or Facebook. Each opens the respective platform with the campaign link pre-filled.

3 Download the Share Kit

Click "Download Share Kit (ZIP)" to get a package of pre-made images: a square image (1080×1080 for social posts), a story image (1080×1920 for Instagram/WhatsApp stories), and a QR code for print materials.

Tip: Sharing a campaign is one of the most impactful things you can do. One share can lead to 5+ additional donations.