

Fundraiser Ideas

Whether you're hosting a solo event or rallying your community, there are many creative ways to raise funds in support of scleroderma research. Every fundraiser, big or small, makes a difference.

Here are some ideas to help you get started:

1. Fitness & Wellness Fundraisers

- **Walk, Run, or Ride for Research**

Organize a 5K, bike ride, or walking challenge. Invite friends to sponsor each mile or donate in honor of someone you're walking for.

- **Yoga for a Cause**

Partner with a local yoga studio or instructor to host a donation-based class, virtual or in-person.

- **Dance-a-thon / Zumba Class**

Get moving and raise funds with a fun, high-energy event open to all ages.

2. Community & Social Events

- **Trivia Night**

Host a trivia game at a local bar, coffee shop, or online. Charge an entry fee and offer prizes for the winning team.

- **Cook-Off or Bake Sale**

Organize a chili cook-off, BBQ, or bake sale, and ask participants to donate or "vote" for winners with dollars.

- **Garage Sale**

Donate proceeds from sales and invite friends to contribute gently used items.

- **Craft or Art Fair**

Showcase local talent and donate a portion of sales from handmade goods, photography, or art.

3. Online Campaigns

- **Birthday or Milestone Fundraiser**

Celebrate your birthday, anniversary, or other milestone by asking for donations instead of gifts. [You can easily do this on the Facebook fundraisers page.](#)

- **Streaming or Gaming for a Cure**

Go live on Twitch, YouTube, or Facebook and raise money while playing games, performing music, or hosting tutorials.

- **Matching Gift Challenge**

Offer to match donations up to a certain amount to inspire others to give. Great for employers or local business sponsors.

4. Workplace & School Engagement

- **Lunch & Learn Awareness Event**

Host a short educational session about scleroderma research and invite colleagues to donate.

- **School Spirit Week Fundraiser**

Organize themed days, donation jars by homeroom, or a read-a-thon to engage students and staff.

Need support or promotional materials?

We're here to help! Contact the SRF team for resources, ideas, or help setting up a fundraising page.

- Email: Info@SRFcure.org
- Phone: 415.834.9444

Together, we can raise awareness, advance research, and move closer to a cure.

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Facebook Fundraisers

Hosting your own Facebook fundraiser is a simple, meaningful way to make a difference in the search for a cure. Here's how to get started:

1. Go to Facebook: Open your app or [visit the Facebook fundraiser website](#).
2. Create Fundraiser: Select "Fundraisers" or search "Create Fundraiser" in the menu.
3. Choose a Nonprofit: Select Scleroderma Research Foundation.
4. Set Your Goal: Choose a fundraising amount that feels right to you.
5. Personalize: Share why Bob's legacy or scleroderma research matters to you.
6. Share: Invite friends and family to support your fundraiser and spread the word!

Fundraise on GoFundMe Pro

Prefer to fundraise outside of social media? You can also create your own online fundraiser through the SRF donation portal. Just follow these easy steps:

1. Go to the Cure Crew Fundraiser Page: Go to our [Cure Crew fundraising portal](#) on the SRF website.
2. Start a Fundraiser: Click the "Become a Fundraiser" button to start setting up your personal fundraising page.
3. Create an Account: Sign up or log in to access the fundraising portal.
4. Set Your Goal: Choose a fundraising amount that's meaningful to you.
5. Let supporters choose their communication preferences: Let supporters choose their communication preferences
6. Share: Invite friends and family to donate and help spread awareness!
7. Track your progress and say thank you: Monitor donations through the portal and thank your supporters for their generosity.

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Fundraising Templates

This page includes easy-to-use templates for your personal fundraising page on the SRF donation portal, emails, thank-you notes, and social media posts. Just personalize the language to fit your story, and you'll be ready to inspire your community to support the SRF in the search for a cure to scleroderma.

SRF GoFundMe Pro Fundraising Page Template

Title: *Join Me in Supporting Innovative Research for Scleroderma*

Main Message:

I'm fundraising for the Scleroderma Research Foundation because I believe in the power of research to change lives. Scleroderma is a rare and complex autoimmune disease that has no known cure—but together, we can help accelerate progress.

Every dollar raised supports patient-focused research, clinical trials, and the development of better treatments.

I'm doing this for [insert your personal connection to scleroderma].

Please consider making a donation today. Your support brings us one step closer to better therapies—and ultimately, a cure.

[Make a donation today.](#)

Thank you so much for being part of this with me.

Email Template – Personal Ask for Online Fundraiser

Subject Line Options:

- Help Me Fund Research for Scleroderma
- Will You Join Me in Supporting Scleroderma Research?

Body:

Hi [Name],

I wanted to share something important with you. I'm currently fundraising for the Scleroderma Research Foundation (SRF), an organization that's leading the charge in finding better treatments—and a cure—for scleroderma.

Scleroderma is a chronic autoimmune disease that affects the skin and internal organs. It's complex, underdiagnosed, and often misunderstood. The SRF funds groundbreaking research and clinical trials that are helping to uncover new hope for people living with this disease. This cause means a lot to me because [insert personal reason].

If you're able, I'd be so grateful if you'd consider making a donation to my fundraiser. Every gift—no matter the size—makes a difference.

Here's the link: *[Insert link to your online fundraiser]*

Thanks so much for your support.

With appreciation,
[Your Name]

Thank You Message Templates

Short Text or Direct Message Thank You

Thank you so much for your donation. Your support means the world to me—and to everyone affected by scleroderma. Together, we're making a difference.

Email Thank You

Subject: Thank You for Supporting Scleroderma Research

Hi [Name],

Thank you so much for your generous donation to my fundraiser for the Scleroderma Research Foundation. Your support helps fuel life-changing research and offers hope to patients and families facing this challenging disease.

You're helping move science forward—and bringing us closer to a cure for scleroderma.

With heartfelt thanks,

[Your Name]

Social Media Shoutout Thank You

A huge thank you to [@Name] for supporting my fundraiser for the Scleroderma Research Foundation. Your generosity helps advance critical research and gives hope to people living with this disease. #SRFCure #SclerodermaResearch #SayScleroderma



Request SRF Swag for Your Event

Bring some extra energy and visibility to your fundraiser or awareness event with official Cure Crew swag! These items are designed to help you show your support, spark conversation, and make your event feel even more connected to the mission of the SRF.

Available items include:

- Stickers
- Pens
- Lip balms
- Tote bags
- Pins
- Gloves
- Hand warmers
- Hats
- Keychains

Supplies are limited and subject to availability. We'll do our best to accommodate your request and support your efforts to make an impact!

[Access the request form here.](#)