

100 Budget-Friendly Program Ideas



We know that it's tough to fill out a programming schedule on a dime. That's why we've put together a list of 100 engaging and educational program ideas that won't break the bank.

To learn more about these programs, [click here](#) to see our full blog post. (We've also put together a printer-friendly version for you at the end)



Growth-Focused Events

Campus Book Club	Learn How to Compost	Financial Fitness Series	Body Positive Photo Shoots
Advising "on-the-go"	Words that Hurt and Why	Info Sessions for Non-profits	Careers Workshops
Educational Jeopardy	Lunch & Learn	Continuing Sexual Education	Roundtables
Speed Networking/ Meeting	Bringing Tutors to Different Dorms	Vision Boards	Crucial Conversations
Debate Viewing Parties	Condon Fashion Show	Internship Fair	Social Media Programming

Get Organized with Free Tech Tools



Health & Wellness

Yoga on the Quad	Wellness Competitions	Nighttime Bike Rides Around Campus	Peer-to-Peer Coaching
Ping-Pong Tournament	Life-size Pac-Man	Minute To Win It	Paint Slip & Slide
Twister On The Lawn	Dance Marathon	Cornhole Tournament	Pool Party
Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag	Nature Walks	Duct Tape Bowling	Dodgeball Tournament
Pie Your RA (or SGA Rep, or Administrator)			



Holiday-Themed

Valentine Cards	Carving Pumpkins	Candy Cane Grams	Egg Hunt
Holiday Ornaments	Turkey Trot	Haunted House	Indoor Snowball Fight
Beach Party Luau	Sledding Party	Gingerbread House Competition	



Relationship-Building

Picnic Day	Host a Drum Circle	Lounge Sleepover	Start a Mentor Program
Campus Clothing Swap	Practicing Gratitude	Post-It Note Wars	Poetry Slam
President's Snack Stop	More Love Letters	Drag Show	Future Roommate Mixer
Open Mic Night	Talent Show	Random Acts of Kindness	Trivia Night
Student of the Month	Motivational Mondays	Letters of Gratitude to Armed Services	Shuttles to Volunteer Opportunities
Showcase Alumni Success	Museum Day	Visit a Nursing Home	Campus and Community Clean-Up



Food-Centered Events

Microwave Potluck	Cake Postcards	Waffle Wednesdays	Curate a Campus Cookbook
Host a Tea Party	Mystery Dinner	Grilled Cheese Party	Ice Cream Social



Arts, Crafts, and Leisure

Board Game Night	Fingerpainting	Motivational Posters	Make Your Own Landscape Garden
Caricature Drawing	"I Spy" Scavenger Hunts	Starry Nights	Rock-Painting Party
Coloring Night	Tie-Dye Party	Upcycling Event	Make Your Own Wand
Playdoh Days	Crowdsourced Door Decs	Cash Cab	Bingo
Bingo	Karaoke Night	Toilet Paper Roll Architecture Competition	



BONUS

Get back to basics with a series of workshops focused on the life skills we take for granted: Taxes, laundry, sewing, and more!

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Food-Centered Events

1. Plan a microwavable potluck
2. Bake postcards
3. Waffle Wednesdays
4. Curate a campus cookbook
5. Host a tea party
6. Mystery dinner
7. Grilled cheese party
8. Ice cream social

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9. Create a campus book club
10. Learn how to compost
11. Financial fitness series
12. Get organized with free tech tools
13. Advising "on-the-go"
14. Words that hurt and why
15. Info sessions for non-profits
16. Careers workshops
17. Educational Jeopardy
18. Lunch & learn
19. Continuing Sexual Education
20. Roundtables
21. Speed Networking/Meeting
22. Bringing tutors to different dorms
23. Vision boards
24. Crucial conversations
25. Debate viewing parties
26. Condom Fashion Show
27. Study abroad night
28. Internship fair
29. Social media programming
30. Body positive photo shoots

Arts, Crafts & Leisure Events

31. Board game night
32. Fingerpainting
33. Motivational posters
34. Make your own landscape garden
35. Caricature drawing
36. "I Spy" scavenger hunts
37. Starry nights
38. Rock-painting party
39. Coloring night
40. Tie-dye party
41. Upcycling night
42. Make your own wand
43. Playdoh days
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46. Cash cab
47. Bingo
48. Karaoke Night

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57. Twister on the lawn
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62. Nature walks
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84. Showcase alumni success
85. Museum day
86. Visit a nursing home
87. Campus and community clean-up
88. Shuttles to volunteer opportunities
89. Letters of gratitude to armed services
90. Valentine cards
91. Carving pumpkins
92. Candy cane grams
93. Egg hunt
94. Holiday ornaments
95. Turkey trot
96. Haunted house
97. Indoor snowball fight
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68. Lounge sleepover
69. Start a mentor program
70. Campus clothing swap
71. Practicing Gratitude
72. Post-It note wars
73. Poetry slam
74. President's snack stop
75. More Love Letters
76. Drag Show
77. Future roommate mixer
78. Open mic night
79. Talent show
80. Random acts of kindness
81. Trivia night
82. Student of the month
83. Motivation Mondays