



We know asking someone for money is nerve wrecking, so we have put some pieces together that you are welcome to use or edit as an example of a great way to ask those you know to support a worthy cause close to your heart.

Sample Emails:

Email #1

<Name>,

I wanted to share a passion of mine in the hope that you might be interested in helping me support them.

I LOVE GORILLAS! They are truly gentle giants and in addition to donating, this year, in honor of (insert reason/special occasion), I have committed to raise \$XX for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, the world's largest and longest running gorilla conservation organization.

The Fossey Fund spends 365 days a year in the forest, actively protecting wild gorillas in Rwanda and the Congo through daily protection (removing snares and traps), educating future conservationists through programs in schools and local communities, and supporting local communities who had previously relied on the forest for food and resources by helping to build sustainable sources of income. While their success is working, they still need our support to ensure that they are able to continue their work.

So I am asking, will you join me and raise your hands in support of the last remaining wild gorillas? A donation of any amount will help me reach my goal to help save gorillas!

Thank you for your support!

Email #2

<Name>,

Have you heard I LOVE GORILLAS? Well, it's true... gorillas are my passion and this year in honor of (insert reason/special occasion), I am raising money for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund. They are the largest and longest running gorilla conservation organization in the world.

Gorillas are the closest animal to us as humans and share so many similarities-- love, grief, family dynamics, and so much more!

Will you help me reach my goal of raising \$XX to ensure that gorillas are around for generations to come by making a donation? Any help would be so amazing and will help save gorillas!

Thank you,

Email #3

<Name>

This year, in honor of (insert reason/special occasion), I am reaching out to friends to help support me in my efforts of raising \$XX for my favorite animal, gorillas.

Gorillas are truly the guardians of the forest and the ultimate gentle giant. The forests that gorillas live in are some of the most diverse ecosystems in the world and are literally the lungs of our planet. So in addition to being an amazing animal, their survival is directly linked to our survival.

Will you join me in supporting gorillas by donating to the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund? A gift of any amount will help ensure that gorillas are around for generations to come!

Thank you and I hope I can count on your support!