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GOSUMEC FOUNDATION USA

Operational Budget Overview:

GOSUMEC Foundation USA operates under a **dual** funding model that ensures all donor contributions are exclusively directed towards scholarships and student programs. The operating expenses are strategically divided into two categories:

Founder-Funded Expenses:

Personally covered by the founders to maintain zero-overhead transparency in the U.S.

- Website Maintenance: \$1,000 - \$3,000
- Alumni Portal: \$650
- Zoom Subscription: \$300
- Opus: \$350
- Canva: \$150
- Animoto: \$120
- ChatGPT Plus: \$240

Total Founder Contribution Range: **\$2,810 - \$4,810**

Foundation-Funded Expenses:

Supported through the Foundation's operational budget and team member contributions.

- Accountant Services: \$1,500
- Financial Advisor: \$250
- Audit Preparation (2026): \$1,500
- USPTO Registration (Trademark Renewal): TBD
- India Copyright & Trademark Renewal: TBD
- CA-SI Certificate: \$20
- RRF-1 Filing: \$100
- Givebutter Plus Subscription: \$1,000
- MemoryFox Subscription: \$1,800

Total Foundation Budget (excluding TBD items): **\$6,170**

Discussion:

The founders personally fund all **core technology and communication** tools to maintain absolute financial transparency and eliminate overhead expenses.

This approach not only ensures 100% of donor funds are directed towards scholarships and programs, but also allows for the flexibility to invest in essential technology without financial constraints.

By covering these costs independently, the Foundation avoids compromising on necessary tech investments, even if costs fluctuate, keeping donor contributions solely for student impact.

