



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I'm a college student and I'm interested in promoting Kiva U at my school. Can you help?

A. Kiva U gives students the chance to get involved in the cutting edge of economic development, and make a big impact on the lives of borrowers around the globe. Students or educators looking to explore the Kiva U experience with their campus or community can create a Kiva U lending team for their class or group and participate in a movement created specifically for and with innovative and passionate students and teachers using microfinance as a tool to change the world.

We encourage you to check out the Kiva U Toolkits for ideas about how to promote Kiva at your school.

Q. How can my classroom/campus group lend?

A. A number of classrooms and campus groups have created Kiva accounts. To get started, please visit the Kiva U section of our website to create a Kiva U team, which you can then use to register an account. You can also register for a Kiva account at <https://www.kiva.org/register>. Instead of providing us with your first and last name, you can list your class, club or school's name. You'll also see the option to upload a picture. When you've entered all this information click "Register" to continue.

Once you've registered successfully, and you are logged into your Kiva account, click "My Portfolio" and then "Lender Page" to enter more information about your group or class.

Now that you have set up the account, you can share the URL for your lender page with your class or team members. This page will display the loans in your group's portfolio, and it will also display what amount of money has been repaid by each borrower. You can also click on the name of a borrower you have lent to and view the borrower's profile page.

Q. How old do I have to be to lend money on Kiva or use kiva.org/kivau?

While the Kiva U portion of the site is specially created to support student and educator engagement with microfinance and Kiva, the lending part of Kiva's website is intended to be used by adults.

In addition, Kiva does not wish to collect any personal information for users who are under the age of 13 without a parent's or guardian's knowledge and involvement. If a parent wishes to open a Kiva account for their child who is under 13 years of age, we recommend that the parent carefully oversees the information posted and monitors the child's activity to avoid any unwanted sharing of personal and financial information. You can read more about Kiva's privacy policy and terms of use here: <http://www.kiva.org/legal/privacy> and <http://www.kiva.org/legal/terms>.

Kiva U has been incorporated into classrooms and different teaching environments under teacher and adult supervision, and can be a rich learning experience for students of all ages with proper guidance.

For more questions about how schools can get involved with Kiva U, feel free to email us at KivaU@kiva.org!