

SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Are you looking for a way to reduce your student's music related fees for band, choir, or orchestra trips, Viking Marching Band expenses, or Show Choir?

Fremd Music Association is happy to offer you a great opportunity to raise money for your son/daughter's FMA Student Account through Scrip programs. You can earn funds just by doing your everyday regular shopping. That's right, with your regular purchases! We use two different companies and styles of fundraising. Both options are explained below. You may get involved in one or in both. (Participation is optional.)

Option #1: Benefit Mobile App



This is a mobile platform that enables families to raise funds fast with minimal effort and without spending an extra penny more for the shopping they already do. You can use the Benefit app to instantly purchase digital gift cards to pay for everything from groceries and clothing to dinner out and travel.

Payment is fast, easy, and, most importantly, completely secure.

Donations are made by using the Benefit app for everyday shopping in-store or on-line at over 170 of the nation's top retailers.

Your student will receive a percentage of your transaction (from the retailer) into his/her FMA Student Account with every purchase. (Examples on what you can earn: Starbucks, 5%; AMC Theatres, 7%; Petco, 8%; Ulta, 6%; American Airlines, 5%.)

Here's how to get started:

- 1) Download the Benefit Mobile app to your phone (available for both iPhone and Android).
- 2) Create an account with Benefit Mobile. Select your beneficiary as Fremd Instrumental Association (listed under non-profit organizations).
- 3) Register and verify your bank account for purchases (safe and secure using encrypted ACH).
- 4) Shop and buy the gift card while you are checking out—in the exact amount and earn money! Certain minimums apply.

Please see the detailed Benefit Mobile guide for further instructions. You can definitely get your family or friends involved also. If they wish to raise money for your benefit, just send their name to me so I can list them as your beneficiary for purchases they make.

The full retailer list can be found here: <https://www.benefit-mobile.com/our-retailers>

Option #2: Great Lakes Scrip Center/ShopWithScrip



Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC), also called ShopWithScrip, offers many ways for families to earn money while shopping. This company was founded over 23 years ago and they offer the traditional plastic gift cards and eScrip gift certificates to 750 major retailers. Additionally, when you order plastic gift cards and then register them with GLSC, you may reload those gift cards at your convenience 24/7.

A percentage of each gift card purchased goes to your child's FMA Student Account. (Examples on what you can earn: Jewel, 4%; Starbucks, 7%; Chipotle, 10%; Home Depot, 4%; BP Gas, 1.5-2.5% .)

Let's look at the options in depth below.

Plastic Gift Cards

Traditional gift cards like you would purchase from a store. They look the same, work the same and have a preloaded amount on the gift card. They are typically sold in a variety of denominations with some available from \$5 up to \$500. You must pre-order them and they are delivered to the coordinator, currently bi-weekly.

E-scrip Gift Certificates

The E-scrip certificates are delivered to your email and are available through the wallet section of the GLSC website for your individual account. These can be printed and taken to retailers to use. Some retailers allow the use of the certificate from your phone. Many can be used online with retailers such as Amazon. These are available 24/7 and delivered within minutes to your account. These can also be sent as a gift to someone else.

Reloaded Gift Cards

There are several retailers who allow reloaded gift cards. These require the purchase of an initial plastic gift card from GLSC. You will "register" your card with GLSC on their website in your "wallet". Once you have the card registered, you can reload the card with almost any amount (per the individual retailer rules – some are multiples of \$10 beginning at \$10 up to \$100, some are multiples of \$25 beginning at \$25, etc.). The reload is almost instant and you can continue your shopping.

Here's how to get started:

- 1) Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com.
- 2) Click "Join a Program" and put in our enrollment code when prompted: **82AB951355598**.
- 3) Create your account.
- 4) Link your bank account to enroll in on-line payments and place your first order. You may also pay with a credit card (Mastercard/Visa/Discover).

You can find the full retailer list here: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse#?saved>

General Tips and Tricks:

- Got a Kohl's credit card? Shop at Kohl's using your credit card to get all the perks and discounts available to you. *Then purchase a Kohl's gift card and pay your bill at the customer service counter.*
- *Use a Visa gift card anywhere they do not offer one.* For example, if you love Portillo's, they do not offer a gift card through GLSC or Benefit Mobile. That's ok, use a Visa gift card and still earn money from your purchase. Plus, there is **NO** activation fee for these cards!
- *Pay your home bills like cable, satellite, phone, and cell phone with a Visa gift card.*
- *If you order Starbucks, get a physical reloadable gift card and set that as your gift card on your Starbucks app.* Then register the card with GLSC. You can then reload that card and it will automatically be reloaded on your Starbucks app.
- *You can also invite friends and family to shop gift cards to raise even more money.* When they set up their account they should add your student's name in their account profile.
- **Being consistent is key!** *What may seem like a small amount really does add up.*

Orders are currently every other week and pick up is fast. It is a quick meeting out front at Fremd one night or if it is more convenient, pick up from my home.

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