SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

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

Fremd Music Association is happy to offer you a great opportunity to raise money for your son/daughter's FMA Student Account through a Scrip Program, where <u>you can turn your everyday regular shopping into earnings!</u> That's right, with your regular purchases and nothing extra to buy.

Raise Right (formerly ShopWithScrip) was founded over 25 years ago, offering many ways for families to earn money while shopping. They offer the traditional plastic gift cards and eScrip gift certificates to over 750 major retailers. Additionally, when you order plastic gift cards and then register them on their website or mobile app, you may reload those gift cards at your convenience 24/7.

How Does It Work?

A percentage of each gift card purchased gets credited to your child's FMA Student Account.

Here are some examples on what you can earn: Jewel, 4%; Amazon, 2%; Starbucks, 4.5%; Chipotle, 10%; Home Depot, 4%; Petco, 5%; Ulta, 6%; Speedway, 4%, Macy's, 10%.

Weekly, various vendors have special or increased bonuses. For example, Jewel might offer a 6% rebate instead of the usual 4% for a limited time.

Let's look at the options available 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, which is currently monthly. Cards are delivered within a few days of the organization order being placed. Pick up is a quick meeting out in front at Fremd at night or, if it is more convenient, from my home. *The UPS shipping cost is split among all those who order and paid through the profits.

You also have the option to "ship to home" on eligible cards and have them sent directly to you. A small shipping fee will apply.

eScrip Cards

The eScrip cards are delivered to your email and are available through the wallet section of the RaiseRight website or mobile app 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 RaiseRight. You will "register" your card in your "wallet" on their website or app. 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 to keep earning as you shop.

Here's how to get started:

- 1) Contact Rose Tader at rtader@linuxscope.com for FMA's unique enrollment code.
- 2) Get the *RaiseRight* mobile app, available in the App Store/Google Play or go to www.RaiseRight.com.
- 3) Click "Join a Program" and enter the enrollment code.
- 4) Create your account.

5) 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). Checks are not accepted as everything must be prepaid.

You can find the full retailer list here: https://www.raiseright.com/shop

General Tips and Tricks:

- Repetitive purchases (gas, groceries) will equal easy earnings. Being consistent is key in making it a habit to shop this way.
- For extra earnings, invite family members, co-workers, friends and neighbors to shop gift cards. When they set up their account they should add your student's name in their account profile. Every little bit helps!
- Do you love Starbucks? Get a physical reloadable gift card and set that as your gift card on your Starbucks app. Then register the card on the website or mobile app. You can then reload that card and it will automatically be reloaded on your Starbucks app.
- 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. That's okay, use a Visa gift card and still earn money from your purchase. Plus, unlike those that you purchase at a store, there is **NO** activation fee for this card!
- Pay your home bills like cable, satellite TV, and cell phone with a Visa gift card.

This program really is a great, easy way to help you offset the cost of music class trips and other FMA approved activities. If you have any questions, please contact me at rtader@linuxscope.com.

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