Pledge to buy grocery store gift cards now! The power is in the pledge!

Buying/selling grocery store gift cards is the easiest way to pay your student's band fees and raise additional money for the Fairview band programs. For every $100 you spend on gift cards, you get $100 worth of groceries and "Corporate America" (i.e. Safeway, King Soopers, or Sunflower Market) donates $5 to the band, of which $2 goes to the band General Fund and $3 goes to your Student Account. **King Soopers, Safeway and Sunflower gift cards come in $25 and $100 denominations**. When purchasing groceries, swipe your gift card at the register and the amount is subtracted from the total value of the gift card until it is used up. You get full value for your money.

FAQ #1: How can I pay my band fees earning $3 per $100 spent? It adds up quickly when you pledge to buy/sell a set amount every month. If you buy $400 per month for yourself and $1300 per month to sell to your friends and neighbors, you will earn $1,020 total per year, with $612 going to your Student Account and the rest going to the General Fund to support the band. That's enough to pay marching band and jazz band fees for one student for one year through a Student Account. Hit up your friends, neighbors, and relatives to buy grocery cards from you every month and you'll reach your goal in no time. Consider giving these as gifts at the holidays. Many band families pay band fees out of pocket the first year and then consistently buy/sell grocery store gift cards so that they never again have to pay for band expenses out of pocket. The fees through the rest of high school can all be covered through Student Account earnings from grocery store gift cards. The earnings really add up quickly when you pledge to buy every single month. **The power is in the pledge!**

FAQ #2: Why would my friends, neighbors, and relatives want to buy grocery store gift cards? Many people like the convenience of shopping this way. No big credit card bills at the end of the month. No waiting to have a check approved. No need to have cash on hand. They enjoy supporting a good cause (your son or daughter!). It's so easy to participate and earn these donations from King Soopers, Safeway, and Sunflower Market that many of us feel guilty if we buy groceries without using the gift cards.

FAQ #3: What if I buy groceries with my credit card to get miles or other rewards? We researched the possibility of offering gift cards through credit card sales and found that the fees for using credit cards significantly cut the profits of the program. We need every dime we earn and cannot afford to give it to the credit card companies. Some people use the "mileage credit cards" for most purchases and still use grocery store gift cards for groceries. They still earn lots of miles and support the band, too.

FAQ #4: What if I shop at other stores besides King Soopers, Safeway, or Sunflower? Some folks choose to shop at stores that support community organizations through this type of fundraiser. Safeway, King Soopers, and Sunflower donate thousands of dollars every year to countless schools and non-profits throughout Colorado and the United States. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to earn significant financial support for our programs while shopping at our neighborhood stores.

FAQ #5: How do I purchase grocery store gift cards from FBBO? Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and turn it in at band camp or mail it to Alice Andersen (see address below), the FBBO Grocery Store Gift Card Chair. She will contact you and set you up to receive your gift cards monthly **through a Neighborhood Representative and/or through the mail**. Distributing gift cards through the mail helps make this important fundraiser **accessible to everyone**, whether you live near Fairview or out east in Erie or down south in Golden, whether you want $1000 per month or $200 per month. Some Neighborhood Representatives will manage your gift cards through a monthly face-to-face exchange. Whichever works best for you and your neighborhood group is fine. Please remember that the earning power is in the pledge to buy each month. **Receiving the cards through the mail and paying for them through the mail makes it very easy to make that pledge!**

FAQ #6: How much work is involved in being a Neighborhood Representative? As a Neighborhood Representative, you receive a list of names and organize an e-mail list for your group, send out e-mails a couple of times a month, order and pick up gift cards once a month, mail out the gift cards (or arrange face-to-face exchange) once a month, and mail the checks to Alice once a month. This takes a total of 2-3 hours per month…not much time at all, considering that you could earn several thousand dollars a year for the band doing this one small job. This is a very, very good return on the time you invest in this fundraiser and is a great way to make a significant financial contribution to the band programs at Fairview that are so very important to our kids.

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Tear off and give this pledge form to Alice Andersen, or mail it to her at the above address.

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FBBO Grocery Store Gift Cards Pledge Form

Name: _____ Student Account Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Neighborhood:

____ Aurora 7/Frasier Meadows/Keewaydin
____ Lafayette/Louisville/Superior
____ Eisenhower
____ Gunbarrel/Heatherwood
____ Fairview (near the school)
____ Martin Park
____ North Boulder/Palo Park
____ Other
____ I'd like to be a Neighborhood Representative!!

Monthly Pledge Amount : $_____King Soopers $_____Safeway
$100 cards $_____ Sunflower