

AGIMBA Fundraising with Scrip

Scrip is simply a word that means “substitute money,” such as gift cards/certificates from national and local retailers. They’re the same gift cards or certificates that you buy at the store. Participating retailers include Giant, Acme, WaWa, Lowe’s, iTunes, Starbucks, CVS, and hundreds of others.

We are able to raise funds using scrip because the participating retailers sell the gift cards to us at a discount. Families like yours buy the cards for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and the Boosters keeps the difference as rebate. Half of this rebate is put into the Boosters' general fund and **half goes into your student's account. Several families added more than \$300 to their student accounts last year from scrip alone.**

Due to IRS regulations, you must complete a Scrip Program Agreement prior to placing your first order for each fiscal year. See the Booster website for a copy of the Agreement.

The Scrip program is simple and effective fundraising because:

- you don't have to go out and sell anything,
- you don't have to buy anything that you wouldn't already be buying, and
- it's a year-round source of funding.

The only thing it does require is some planning. Start small; buy a few grocery cards and maybe a card for the gas station or other retailer that you go to all the time. Then as you see how easy it is to use them (and how it adds up in your student's account), you can expand.

Ordering is easy and can be done in one of two ways:

1. You can order on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com. Ordering on-line provides you with a wealth of information including all the scrip available, current specials (many retailers offer special incentive rebates at different times), the terms for each gift card/certificate, the next order due date, how to contact us with questions, and much more. To set up an account, sign onto the website, and click on “Create Account.” Create a User Name and a password. Put in your name, gender and any birth year that makes you an adult. **There is some important “optional” information that we must have in order to get your scrip and your rebate credit to you.** Please put your child's first and last names in for “Student Name.” For “Teacher,” enter your child's group - Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Choir, Chorale, Strings, Guard, or Indoor Percussion. Enter your zip code and email address and read and accept the terms of use. On the next screen, input our Enrollment Code: **contact scrip chairperson for code**. Click on “Home,” and you are now ready to shop. Once you have placed your order, payment can be completed through a credit card (new option 2.6% fee) or **Presto-Pay** - this is a wonderfully convenient way for you to pay for your order on-line (debit your bank account) for a small fee of 0.15 per order. If you order on-line and pay with a credit card or Presto-Pay, there is no need to send us anything, unless you want an alternate delivery method. Once you set up Presto-Pay (it takes a few days), you will still have the option to select your payment type each time you order. There is a full explanation of Presto-Pay on www.shopwithscrip.com. Select “My Account” on the navigation bar and then click on “Presto-Pay” in the left-hand column.

2. You can also complete an order form (attached) and write a check (payable to "AGIMBA"). If you choose this option, we will need to schedule a time to meet due to limited access to the building. If you place your first order this way, we will set up your account on www.shopwithscrip.com for you, and you will be ready to order on-line going forward.

Orders and payment are due by 2:30 p.m. on the order due date. Scrip is usually distributed to the students/parents one week later, and an email is sent to parents providing information on pick-up time and location.

Please place your order early if at all possible. Placing your order early assures that you won't miss the deadline and it helps us to meet our processing deadlines. It also gives us time to contact you if there is a problem or question. Please note, if you choose to pay by check, we will never deposit your check before the order due date.

There are some cards that are reloadable. Current favorites are CVS, Starbucks and Lowe's. Different cards have different limits, which are explained on www.shopwithscrip.com. Reloadable cards are especially convenient if you are enrolled in Presto-Pay. If you are placing an order that consists only of reloads and/or ScripNow, and you are paying by Presto-Pay, you can place your order at any time, and it will be processed right away. The money will be added to your card(s) usually overnight and, if they have your correct email address, ShopWithScrip will send you an email telling you that your card(s) has/have been reloaded. When reloading a card, please be absolutely sure to reload the correct card and to make sure that you actually have it as reloads are not refundable or transferable.

Finally, if you are set up on Presto-Pay, you can take advantage of ScripNow. These are e-cards that you print yourself or that you can send as a gift (for a small fee). Click on "ScripNow! Brands" under the shopping tab to read the ScripNow FAQs (button at the top right of the screen) for full information.

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see also: "Fundraisers" on www.agimba.org

P.S. **We strongly recommend ordering on-line.** Once you try it, you will see how quick and easy it is, and you will have a lot more information available to you. It even tabulates your rebate as you shop. No one ever goes back to filling out the paper order form once they have ordered on-line.