



# FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

## What is FundScrip?

FundScrip is a fundraising program that asks you to pay for your everyday purchases with gift cards bought through FundScrip. A percentage of the card value that you purchase is then donated to our school **by the company, not you!**

At SJF, we want to avoid asking you to sell products and in turn make it *easy* to fundraise. This fundraiser allows you to shop at your everyday stores while fundraising for our school.

Most of us buy groceries at the same store weekly and pump gas at the same gas station, generally spending about the same amount per week – buying FundScrip cards at these stores guarantees a percentage to our school on a regular basis with almost no effort on your part. It couldn't be easier! Have a friend or relative that is hard to shop for? A gift card from their favorite store is a great gift for them while giving back to our kids at SJF!

## Where do the earnings go?

The St. John Fisher Home and School Association (HandS) votes annually as to the allocation of the FundScrip funds.

In the past, it has been allocated to specific projects (funding field trips, classroom libraries, etc.), or to the general fund which pays for all of the activities that HandS organizes for our children (SJF BBQ, The Holiday Fair, school T-Shirts for all new students, etc) or classroom materials (iPads, Robotics kits, etc).

Want to have a say as to the allocation of the earnings? Join the St. John Fisher Home and School Association and make your voice be heard with your vote.

## Why should I use FundScrip?

There are a few reasons this is an excellent way to raise funds for SJF:

- It doesn't cost you anything extra
- You don't have to change where you shop or what you buy
- Your everyday purchases add up to make a difference very quickly

That means **NO** out-of-pocket donations, **NO** door-to-door sales and **NO** sympathy purchases.

## How do I join and support our school?

Visit the FundScrip website at [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) and click on the "Support Your Group" button located on the top right hand corner and fill in the required information.

Here's our school's Invitation Code: **XR6ERY**

Once you have completed the sign-up process, you will be sent a confirmation email. Click the link in the confirmation email to complete your registration. Now you are ready to login, place orders and start supporting our school!

## Can anyone join?

Of course! We encourage everyone to invite their family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors to participate in our FundScrip gift card fundraiser as well. The more supporters we have, the more activities we can plan for our kids!

## Which stores are available?

There are over 100 stores in many categories! Major grocery chains and gas stations, department stores, restaurants, and so much more! The list grows on a regular basis. Have a look at the list of retailers at [www.FundScrip.com](http://www.FundScrip.com).

## E-cards and Reloadable gift cards?

Don't like physical gift cards? Always forget your gift cards when you shop? You're not alone!

FundScrip has e-cards and reloadable gift cards. Now that is convenient, not to mention environmentally-friendly and lighter!

### E-cards:

- Within a ½ hour of receipt of the payment, the e-card is emailed to you. Fastest way to get your card.

### Reloadable Gift cards:

- Buy a reloadable card from the list of reloadable gift cards at [www.FundScrip.com](http://www.FundScrip.com)
- When you receive your card, use it as usual but DO NOT THROW IT AWAY when it's empty.
- To reload the card, login to the FundScrip Wallet, find your card and reload with the desired amount.

Thank you for shopping  
with FundScrip!



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Have a question? Email [sjfhands@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhands@gmail.com)

## How do I pay for FundScrip?

Payment methods available to you:

- **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) – FREE**  
Requires completed application form and void cheque sent to FundScrip to be activated.

- **Credit Card (earnings are reduced by 1.99%)**  
People love their credit cards. And why not, there are travel points and cash back at stake. It is important to know, however, that there is a credit card processing fee deducted from the earnings to the school of 1.99%. That means if you are purchasing a gift card where the earnings rate is 3% and paying by credit card, the school earns only 1%. With many credit cards offering 1% cashback, EFT is the best way to maximize earnings.

But don't let the fee stop you! A 1% earnings rate on a weekly basis is better than \$0!

- **Online Banking Bill Payment – FREE**  
Pay for your orders as you would pay any other bill. There are no fees or deductions to earnings for using this payment. *Please note that it can take at least three (3) business days for FundScrip to receive payment.*

## How do I receive my cards?

### Direct shipping vs Ship-to-school

FundScrip can ship cards to you via Canada Post for the cost of a postage stamp (97 cents). Choose the "direct shipping" option and the cards are delivered directly to your mailbox.

Alternatively, your child can bring the cards home to you each week, at no extra cost. By selecting the "ship to school" option and your child's homeroom, your cards will be hand delivered to your child every Thursday or Friday by a dedicated HandS volunteer.