



Chanute Investment Gift Certificate Program Guidelines

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What Are the Dates I Can Shop and Be Eligible for an Investment Gift Certificate?

November 27, 2009 through December 25, 2009

How Long Do I Have to Turn In Receipts to Receive an Investment Gift Certificate?

November 30, 2009 through January 4, 2010

Which Shoppers are Eligible for an Investment Gift Certificate?

Anyone who shops at a Chanute retail outlet that generates sales tax for Chanute is eligible.

What Merchants are Participating in the Program?

All retailers within the city limits of Chanute have been invited to participate in the program.

What is the Amount I Can Spend?

You must spend at least \$200 total during the designated shopping time period. A total of only \$100 from any one store will be credited toward the gift certificate. If you spend a total of \$200, you are eligible for one \$20 investment gift certificate.

Is Everyone in My Family Eligible for Investment Gift Certificates?

Everyone is eligible, BUT there is a limit of two \$20 investment gift certificates per household for a total of \$40 in investment gift certificates per household. In addition, a total of \$25,000 has been allocated to this program. When that amount has been dispersed in investment gift certificates, the program will end no matter what the actual date.

Where Can I Spend My Investment Gift Certificate?

All retailers within the city limits of Chanute that pay local sales tax have been invited to participate in the program.

Do the Investment Gift Certificates Expire?

Yes, they will expire on January 31, 2010. No exceptions will be made. Retailers who accept the gift certificates have until February 15, 2010 to turn in the gift certificates for reimbursement.

What Purchases are Eligible for an Investment Gift Certificate?

All purchases at a local Chanute retailer EXCEPT groceries, pharmaceuticals, gasoline, tobacco and liquor are eligible to count toward the \$200 total.

How Do I Get an Investment Gift Certificate?

YOU are responsible for keeping your receipts and turning them in for an investment gift certificate. The retailer is not involved in this process. The steps are:

1. Keep Your Receipts!! Review your receipts and mark off any items that are excluded as listed above. The items must have generated sales tax to be eligible.
2. Original receipts can be redeemed at the Chamber office only, 21 N. Lincoln, between the hours of 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mondays and from 9 a.m. - Noon Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, Nov. 30, 2009 through Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. In addition, the Chamber will be open on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. for redemption of receipts. Original receipts will be kept by the managing organizations.
3. You will need to show a driver's license or other ID listing your home address at the time of redemption. Records will be kept of those who turn in receipts.
4. If your receipts are approved per these guidelines, then you will receive your investment gift certificate at that time. Investment gift certificates will be given in \$10 increments up to the amount allowed.
5. You have until January 31, 2010 to spend the investment gift certificate.

DISCLAIMER: The Chanute Investment Gift Certificates Program Fund is limited to \$25,000. Receipts will be accepted only until the funds are expended. No exceptions will be made to the dates and information in these guidelines. All decisions regarding receipts eligible for the program will be made by the managing organizations and are final. Original receipts must be turned in and will be kept by the managing organizations.



Chanute Investment Gift Certificate Program Information for Retailers

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Why Should a Merchant Participate?

The investment gift certificate program is intended to directly benefit local retailers by increasing foot traffic and sales from new and existing customers during the 2009 holiday season. Participation by a retailer will be an additional incentive for customers to purchase items from your store. Improving the health of the local economy and maintaining vibrant retailers benefits everyone.

What Merchants are Participating in the Program?

All retailers within the city limits of Chanute have been invited to participate in the program. No sign-up is required. It is up to each business to determine its own participation in the investment gift certificate program.

What is the Amount Shoppers Can Spend?

A shopper must spend at least \$200 total during the designated shopping time period. A total of only \$100 from any one store will be credited toward an investment gift certificate. If a total of \$200 is spent, a person is eligible for one \$20 investment gift certificate.

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Where Can Investment Gift Certificates Be Spent?

All retailers within the city limits of Chanute that pay local sales tax have been invited to participate in the program. Again, it is up to local retailers to decide if they want to participate in the program.

Do the Investment Gift Certificates Expire?

Yes, they will expire on January 31, 2010. No exceptions will be made. *Merchants who accept the gift certificates have until February 15, 2010 to turn in the gift certificates for reimbursement.*

What Purchases are Eligible for Use in Receiving an Investment Gift Certificates?

All purchases at a local Chanute retailer EXCEPT groceries, pharmaceuticals, gasoline, tobacco and liquor are eligible to count toward the \$200 total.

What Purchases are Eligible when a Shopper uses an Investment Gift Certificate?

All purchases at any local Chanute retailer are eligible, providing a merchant chooses to participate in the program.

Do I Need to Notify Anyone that I would Like to Participate in the Gift Certificate Program?

No. All you need to do is accept an investment gift certificate when it is offered to pay all or part of a purchase at your store. You will be reimbursed for the full amount of the investment gift certificate. Therefore, you will not need to be concerned with keeping track of any change given.

What are My Responsibilities in Ensuring Purchases Are Eligible for an Investment Gift Certificate?

The retailer has no responsibility in this part of the process. The shopper is responsible for keeping his/her receipts and turning them in to receive an investment gift certificate.

How Do I Redeem an Investment Gift Certificate?

1. Take the investment gift certificate to the Chamber office, 21 N. Lincoln, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (closed from noon - 1 p.m.) Monday through Friday.
2. Receive a check for the amount of the investment gift certificate.
3. You have until February 15, 2010 to redeem all investment gift certificates.

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Chamber Office - Hours for Receipt Redemption For Investment Gift Certificates

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 11 - 4	1 9 - 12	2 9 - 12	3	4	5
6	7 11 - 4	8 9 - 12	9 9 - 12	10	11	12 11 - 3
13	14 11 - 4	15 9 - 12	16 9 - 12	17	18	19
20	21 11 - 4	22 9 - 12	23 9 - 12	24	25	26
27	28 & 1/4 11 - 4	29 9 - 12	30 9 - 12	31		