



# Programs & Services *for members*

## ● Scholarship Program

The IFRA Education Foundation assists eligible students affiliated with IFRA member companies with the cost of college education through the scholarship program. Part-time employees that are full-time students and children of full-time employees are eligible for scholarships. Members can also establish their own scholarship program utilizing the Foundation's administration at no cost.



## ● IFRA Multiple-Employer 401(k) Plan

The 401(k) Plan with Gallagher Retirement Services and TransAmerica provides a unique retirement savings plan solution that gives your employees a foundation for solid retirement planning.

The IFRA plan is one master plan which allows participating members to customize the design to meet their company's retirement goals. You will save time and money by reducing your administrative duties, and as the fund grows, the lower the fees for you and your employees. The plan is designed with easy-to-use enrollment, educational and employee communications.

## ● Group Insurance Programs

IFRA Service Corporation has endorsed group programs through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services for property casualty and workers compensation insurance. Employee health and group term life insurance programs through Gallagher Benefit Services are also available — all tailored to meet participating members' needs at the lowest possible rates.



**substantial savings on payroll processing fees**

## ● NGA - IFRA Payroll Program

IFRA endorses the FMS Payroll Processing Program through the National Grocers Association. All members realize substantial savings on their payroll processing fees through the FMS Program. FMS has provided payroll and accounting services and software to the grocery industry for over 30 years.

## ● Credit Card Processing

IFRA offers a complete credit and debit card processing program with substantially reduced rates per transaction for all Visa/MasterCard, Amex/Discover, Pin debit, EBT, and gift cards and TeleCheck Electronic Check Acceptance through Concord/First Data. Save on your card processing fees today.

## ● Energy Program

For the past 12 years, the Illinois Food Retailers Association has partnered with the Illinois Retail Merchants Association in offering electricity savings programs and assistance with decisions pertaining to energy procurement. Member companies operating in the ComEd and Ameren utility territories have saved substantial sums of money in reduced energy costs by participating in the IRMA-IFRA Group Affinity Program with Exelon Energy.





## ● Government Relations

Government Relations is one of the most important services offered to members. The legislative alliances of Illinois Food Retailers Association and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association makes the grocery industry one of the most respected lobbying entities in the state before legislative and regulatory agencies.

The Illinois Food Distribution Political Action Committee is very active in both fund raising and fund distribution to support statewide campaigns of individuals responsive to the needs of the membership.

## ● Labor Relations

The Illinois Food Retailers Association represents authorizing members for the purpose of collective bargaining with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. The labor program also provides limited general telephone consultation on labor-related issues without charge to members.

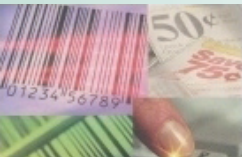
## ● Education Programs

IFRA communicates with members via its *Monthly Report*, periodic action alert notices, and by email/broadcast faxes. These communication vehicles contain valuable information on association events, legislative issues and educational materials. IFRA also sponsors educational programs of importance and of interest to members at the Annual Conference and throughout the year as the need and interest arise. IFRA also provides a complete listing of Food Service Sanitation Certification Course Offerings held throughout the state. For a complete schedule of sanitation classes go to [www.ilfood.org](http://www.ilfood.org)



## ● Industry Relations

The IFRA Service Corporation manages the day-to-day activities of the Grocery Merchandising Association, an association of grocery manufacturers, brokers and other companies supporting our industry through marketing, advertising and distribution. The GMA mission encourages dialogue with all members of the trade on current and future trends by providing programs and events designed to bring the industry together.



**highest competitive return possible on coupons**

## ● Coupon Redemption

For over 40 years, the Illinois Food Retailers Association Service Corporation has served the coupon redemption needs of Illinois retailers of all sizes. The IFRASC program ensures fast and accurate coupon processing through coupon clearinghouse, ProLogic Redemption Solutions. The Service Corporation provides the highest competitive return possible on your coupon submissions.

## ● Forms and Publications

The IFRA Service Corporation provides an alternative source for administrative and general forms and publications at nominal prices. Inventory includes rain checks, employment application forms, customer gift certificates, WIC labels and many other signs and publications.

## ● Annual Conference Discounts for Exhibitors and Advertisers

IFRA and the Grocery Merchandising Association host a spectacular gathering of Illinois independent food retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and suppliers during our Annual Conference and Expo. The two-day Conference first offers a day of fun on the golf course, while the second day features a wide variety of educational seminars and a scaled-down expo floor filled with companies offering the latest in technology, products and services. **Membership includes discounts on expo exhibitor fees and advertising rates in the Annual Conference and Expo Magazine and Membership Directory.**



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**For further information on any Association-sponsored program, please call the Association office today.**

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