

Advisory Opinion of the Indiana University Election Commission

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My name is Ian Nowlin and I am running for SGIS Congress. I am thinking of doing a campaign involving pizza. I have a gift card for Mother Bears. Am I allowed to use the gift card or would that violate the fair market value rule?

Per Section 401 of the Procedural Election Code, you can use the gift card. However, you still write the amount spent on the financial statement that you will turn in at the end of the election. So, if your gift card is \$20, you would still write that you spent \$20 even though it was technically not any of your own money spent. Please also keep in mind Section 603 which states goods given to a voter after a vote must be less than \$1 in value.

Best,

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Quinn Gordon
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Commissioners, IUSA Election Commission