



# Club

Welcome to Ferris State Football

# GRIDIRON

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY



Join a winner!  
Ferris State Bulldogs  
Football



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WELCOME!

Through adversity and triumph, the Gridiron Club continues to support Bulldog football. Now in its seventh year, the club has grown from a handful of fans to over 550 individual members and businesses. The members have donated over \$550,000 in cash and gift-in-kind donations.

The financial support and encouragement of Gridiron Club members continues to inspire the coaches and players from year to year. It is this commitment that keeps alive the strong tradition of Ferris State football.

With six conference championships in the 1990's, we have been the most successful team in the GLIAC. As we focus on this upcoming season, we will strive to keep Ferris State where it belongs – at the top of the league. With a talented group of players returning and another strong recruiting class, we enter the fall season with goals of another conference title and an NCAA Division II Playoff appearance.

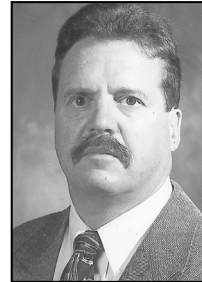
If you are currently a member of the Gridiron Club, I urge you to renew your membership for the upcoming season. Please be sure to consider the benefits of joining at the next level. If you are new to the Gridiron experience, we welcome you to the FSU football family.

Tradition and excellence  
– experience Ferris  
State football.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Pierce*

Head Coach



## Membership Form

The Gridiron Club giving year runs from November 1 thru October 31.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) want to become a member of the Gridiron Club at the level indicated below.

### LEVELS OF GIVING (Please Check)

- Touchdown \$2000 +
- Champion \$1,000-\$1,999
- Coach \$500-\$999
- Captain \$250-\$499
- Gold \$100-\$249
- Crimson \$25-\$99

I don't wish to receive my membership premiums.

If yes: Hat Size \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

My total annual pledge is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to join through FSU's payroll deduction method. Please forward a payroll deduction authorization form for my use.

Please bill my credit card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One)

Master Card    Visa    Discover

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If your employer has a matching gift program, please enclose employer's form with your check.

Please make all donations payable to **FSU Gridiron Club.**

Send to: **Development Office**    **Contact:** Jackie Warner  
**Ferris State University**    **Phone:** (231) 591-2164  
**Prakken Building 100**    **Fax:** (231) 591-2978  
**420 Oak Street**

**Big Rapids, MI 49307-2020**

## Membership Levels and Benefits

### **Crimson**      **\$25-\$99**

Weekly releases  
Newsletters

### **Gold**      **\$100-\$249**

Crimson Benefits (listed above)  
Media Guide  
Season Pass (2 per family)  
Parking Pass to Gridiron Tailgate Area  
(1 per family)

### **Captain**      **\$250-\$499**

Gold Benefits (listed above)  
Hat

### **Coach**      **\$500-\$999**

**Opportunity for access to Wheeler Pavilion for one home game** ♦  
Captain's Benefits (listed above)

Shirt  
Reserved End Zone Parking

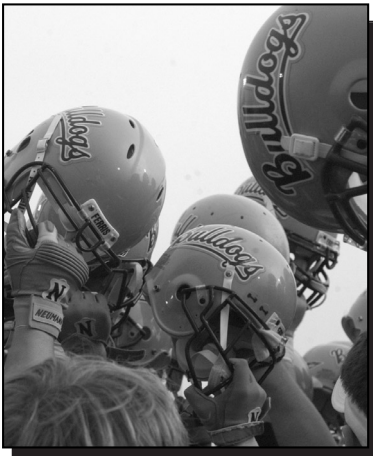
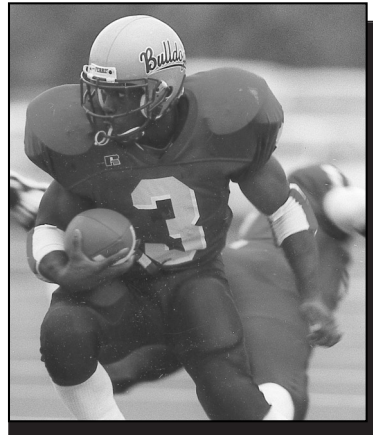
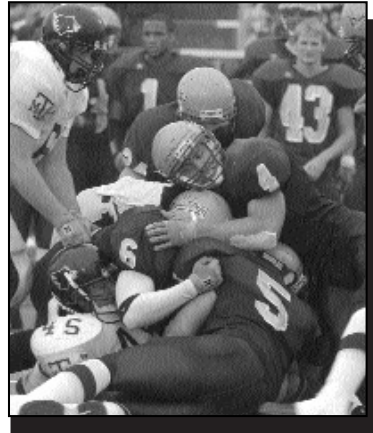
### **Champion**      **\$1,000-\$1,999**

**Opportunity for access to Wheeler Pavilion during home games**  
Coach's Benefits (listed above)  
FSU Gridiron Travel Bag  
Golf Outing Single Entry

### **Touchdown**      **\$2,000 +**

**Opportunity for access to Wheeler Pavilion during home games**  
Champion's Benefits (listed above)  
Golf Outing up to a Foursome

♦ – Designated by FSU Athletics



## University Recognition

Donors may join FSU's Presidents Club with:

1. A gift of \$10,000 or more.
2. A pledge of a gift of \$10,000 or more, to be given to the University over a 10-year period.
3. Establishment of a deferred gift of \$35,000 or more, payable by life insurance, charitable remainder trust, bequest or other deferred gift arrangements.
4. An outright gift, combined with a deferred gift, totaling \$15,000 or more.
5. A matching-personal gift combination, payable over a 10-year period, of a personal gift of \$7500 or more and a corporate matching gift of \$7500 or more.

Complete details on University donor societies are available from the Development Office.

## Tax Benefits

Donors to the Gridiron Club may take advantage of significant tax savings on their Michigan tax return. If you itemize deductions, you may also receive savings on your Federal return. Please consult your tax advisor.

### *Michigan Tax Credit*

As a Michigan tax payer, you may take half your gift to Ferris, up to a maximum of \$400 if filing a joint return, or \$200 if filing an individual return, as a tax credit. The tax credit directly reduces the bottom line of your state income tax, either reducing the amount you owe, or increasing your tax refund. Please refer to the instructions in your tax materials for the line item "Public Contribution Credit" or consult your tax advisor.

### *Federal Tax Deduction*

For those who itemize deductions, contributions to Ferris State University are deductible as charitable contributions within the limits of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Note:** For tax purposes, your Gridiron Club tax-deductible contributions should be reduced by the value of any material benefits you receive. Donors have the option of declining benefit premiums. If you choose not to receive the premiums, please indicate so on your membership form.

## Matching Gifts

More than 1,000 companies match employee gifts to colleges and universities. A matching gift program supports education and emphasizes the interests and preferences of its employees. In addition, companies ensure a continuing supply of well-prepared personnel.

Alumni and friends who are employed by matching gift companies can obtain and complete a form from their human resource department to match their gift (sometimes as much as four-to-one) to the area designated by the donor. If you are unsure whether your employer has a matching gift program, contact your department of human resources or call the FSU Development office at (231) 591-2940.



Pictured (Left to Right): Front Row – Jackie Warner, Suzie Pierce, and Jim Place. Back Row – Chris Schwandt, John Sonntag, and John Milan. Not Pictured – Bob Davis, Mike Mohnke, Rex Schuberg, and Delphine Defever.

