

Grove City Christian School

The Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP)

WHAT IS TRIP?

T.R.I.P. is an easy way to reduce your Christian school tuition and fees.

The Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) of the Grove City Christian School allows any family to save on current or future tuition cost. Families may also assist other GCCS families, teachers or staff members. Many Christian schools throughout the country are currently offering TRIP programs to their student's families and these families are saving hundreds and thousands of dollars on tuition.

TRIP is a discount certificate/gift card program that allows non-profit organizations to purchase certificates/gift cards from the Great Lakes Scrip Center in Kentwood, Michigan at a discount. These certificates/gift cards are then offered to families at face value, with the difference being applied to their tuition.

Restaurants, department stores, grocery stores, gas stations, and even a major airline participate in the program. **The best part is that you can lower your tuition without spending any more than you are spending now.** You simply pay for things using TRIP gift cards instead of cash or credit cards. One of the greatest benefits of TRIP is that it acts as a household budgeting tool, causing you to carefully plan expenditures in order to maximize your tuition reduction. A few examples of current retailers:

Applebee's 8%; Bob Evans 10%; Cracker Barrel 9%; CVS 2%; Domino's Pizza 5%; Donato's Pizza 10%; Giant Eagle 4%; Gordon Food Service 4%; Home Depot 3%; iTunes 3%; J.C. Penney 5%; Jo Ann Fabrics 6%; K Mart 2%; KFC 9%; Lowe's 4%; Macys 109%; Max & Erma's 13%; O'Charley's 13%; Regal Entertainment 8%; Sears 4%; Speedway 4%; Staples 5%; Starbucks 7%; Sunoco 2%; Walgreens 2%; and Wendy's 4%. Kroger, Meijer and Target all help too – contact your coordinator for more details regarding those vendors. (Retailers and their discounts are subject to change)

GCCS TRIP is a volunteer-run school program. Grove City Christian itself will benefit only indirectly from the TRIP Program. A total of 25% of the proceeds will be held back to support the overhead of the program and create two other programs. The distribution will be as follows:

1. 5% of the proceeds go toward overhead costs
2. 10% of the proceeds go to a Student Tuition Assistance Fund
3. 10% of the proceeds go to a Teachers Emergency Fund

TRIP is like most other things – the greater your consistency and effort, the greater the result. Many families are feeling the burden of the cost of private education. Using TRIP is one practical way to reduce your family's (or your friend's) tuition bill. Using TRIP allows you to help others at the school with your donations to the two assistance funds. Your purchases throughout the year help other families or staff members in need. Please consider using TRIP with diligence this year –for your own family or to help someone else.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

We have multiple ways you may be involved in the TRIP program. You may order gift cards online at www.shopwithscrip.com, participate by registering your Kroger Plus card at Kroger, or by registering your Meijer 1 card at Meijer. You may do any or all of these options below:

To participate in the online gift card ordering system:

Read through the GCCS materials and fill out the GCCS TRIP registration form. (Registration forms and all the materials to help you get started are available online on the school website at www.gccsk12.org under the TRIP icon.) Your registration form has your instructions so you may register and set up your account online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Family and friends may sign up to help you as well; however we must have a GCCS registration form for them.

To participate as a Kroger Plus card shopper please read through the GCCS materials and fill out the GCCS registration form. (Registration forms are available online on the school website at www.gccsk12.org.) Then register your Kroger Plus card online following the instructions at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Our school code is 81230. Family and friends may sign up as well; however we must have a GCCS registration form for them.

To participate as a Meijer rewards shopper, please read through the GCCS materials and fill out the GCCS registration form. (Registration forms and all the materials to help you get started are available online on the school website at www.gccsk12.org.) Then register online following the instructions at www.Meijer.com. Our school code with Meijer is 933550.

Once your online registration is complete, the schools TRIP Registration form needs to be brought to the school office. You do not need a separate TRIP registration form to participate in each opportunity – for example, if you are part of www.shopwithscrip and also use your Kroger Plus card, we only need one TRIP registration form for your family. You can take it directly to the school, mail it, or your child can bring the form to his/her teacher.

HOW DO I PLACE AN ORDER FOR GIFT CARDS AND PAY FOR THEM?

Once your online registration is complete at www.shopwithscrip.com you may access your account at any time. Simply logon to www.shopwithscrip.com, log in and follow the instructions to place an order. You will be required to pay for your order using PRESTOPAY*. Once your order is complete you may print out your order form to communicate how your order is to come home to you. All orders will be held at the front desk for pick up unless otherwise indicated on your registration form to go home with your student.

***WHAT IS PRESTOPAY?**

PRESTOPAY is shopwithscrip's online payment option. It is completely secure and is linked to the bank account of your choosing. Typically, it takes two business days to set up your account. Once you are set up for PRESTOPAY you are still able to pay by check if that opportunity becomes available by our school again. Currently our school utilizes the PRESTOPAY option only.

Ordering is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and you may place as many orders as you like all the way through Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Pick up is that Friday. During the summer – we have varying ordering dates and pick up locations around Grove City. Summer ordering dates will be provided before each school year ends.

WHEN DO I RECEIVE MY CERTIFICATES/GIFT CARDS?

During the school year, the following Friday afternoon your filled order will be available for pick-up at the school. Orders can also be sent home with your child if so designated on your Registration form. No orders will be sent home with students unless indicated on your order form.

WHEN DO I RECEIVE MY SCRIPTNOW! GIFT CERTIFICATES?

Utilizing the Scripnow! option you are able to order online from those retailers provided and print out your gift certificate at home on your printer within the hour!

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A RELOAD ON MY GIFT CARD?

If you purchase a reloadable gift card with shopwithscrip - register it with shopwithscrip and then reload it anytime online at shopwithscrip.com. (you cannot reload a gift card at the retailer or any other location, only online with shopwithscrip.) Typically a reload is available within 24 hours. Please make sure you only order reloads on your reload order. Ordering other gift cards with hold your order until Sunday at 6 p.m.)

HOW DO I RECEIVE MY CREDIT AND USE IT TOWARD TUITION AND FEES?

The Retailer Listing on the shopwithscrip.com website indicates the percentage of each purchase that will be credited to your trip account each time you place an order, less our schools 25%. These credits will accumulate and twice a year (each January and June) you will receive an email letting you know to look on your Renweb account and see how much you have earned for that time period. This amount can then be used to pay any school fees or tuition as long as they are payable to GCCS only. (For example, you may not use TRIP funds to pay for school lunches, as that is a separate company from the school.)

To use your TRIP funds, please contact the school and let them know how you'd like it applied. No funds will be applied without your request. Your online shopwithscrip.com account will show you your order history and money earned, but cannot disburse the funds for you. We disburse funds each January and June of the school year. You are free to use all the funds earned at once, or bit by bit as needed for fees or tuition.

For Kroger or Meijer shoppers - all funds received will be released to TRIP participants at distribution time in January and June. Kroger releases funds quarterly and Meijer releases funds once all participants in the Meijer program have earned over \$100 in a month combined. Regardless of how these two companies release their funds; our GCCS TRIP Program releases funds each January and June only.

CAN I ORDER FOR OTHER PEOPLE?

Definitely! This is a great way to increase your credit amount. Ask friends and relatives to consider shopping with gift certificates/card through TRIP. Keep in mind that anyone can open their own account, designate a beneficiary at GCCS, and order through shopwithscrip.com. If your family and friends sign up and pay with PRESTOPAY then all they need is for you to bring them their gift cards. Or for out of town family and friends, they may sign up and order gift cards that are reloadable. You ship them to them once, then they are able to get online at shopwithscrip.com, register their reloadable cards and reload them to help you earn toward tuition. Out of towners can also sign up and use the ScripNow! retailers and print their gift certificates right from their home! It's that easy!

MY CHILDREN ARE NOT IN SCHOOL YET, BUT I'D LIKE TO START TRIP NOW.

Be sure to indicate on the registration form that you are a FUTURE family. Your credits will continue to accumulate year after year. Once your child is in school, you can inform TRIP any time that you would like the credits applied.

WE WOULD LIKE OUR CREDITS APPLIED TO ANOTHER FAMILY/TEACHER/STAFF MEMBER.

That's great! On the registration form, fill out the appropriate box as to where you want your credits applied. You may change this designation at any time by turning in an updated GCCS Registration Form.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY CREDITS IF MY STUDENT LEAVES THE SCHOOL?

Sometimes families need to leave the school for a variety of reasons. We understand. Should you need to leave the school and know that you will not be coming back in the future, you may designate your credits to another family, teacher or staff member or either assistance fund. If we do not receive instructions from you before you leave, all funds will be placed in the Student Tuition Assistance Fund after a period of 30 days.

UNCLAIMED FUNDS:

Any unclaimed funds will be placed in the student tuition assistance fund. Unclaimed funds are any funds that have been earned that do not have current registration/contact information for them for more than 30 days. It is your responsibility to complete a Registration form for each participant and give updated information to the coordinator for your account.

ARE THESE CREDITS CONSIDERED TAXABLE INCOME?

As of August, 2011, TRIP funds are not considered taxable income. Please contact your local tax advisor with any tax questions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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