

Helpful Tips for Utilizing T.R.I.P.

1. Want to know how much you can save with TRIP?

Do the checkbook challenge. Print out your latest bank statement/check book register/credit card statement. Then look online at shopwithscrip.com at the Retailers offered. Highlight all the ones you could have purchased through T.R.I.P. and add up what you could have saved. And remember, this is only one month! Use your past purchases to help you buy for the future.

2. Plan ahead for purchases, buy cards you can reload or use ScriptNow!

TRIP orders are fulfilled weekly so it's easy to look ahead on your calendar and plan for future purchases. Or you may buy gift cards once, then reload them on your schedule through [shopwithscrip](http://shopwithscrip.com). You may also print our gift certificates on demand with ScriptNow! Know how much you spend on groceries in a week or on gas? Purchase those items weekly so you are never caught short. Weekly buying helps you keep a budget and be good stewards of your money.

3. Involve family, friends and co-workers.

You can order for anyone, making it easy to involve family, friends and co-workers. The great thing is they don't have to buy anything they don't normally purchase – they can just buy it with gift cards and help you earn toward your child's tuition. They can order for them or they can even Register themselves with the school and place their own orders. All they need to do is indicate your account as the designation for the savings.

4. Watch for the bonus discounts!

Scrip is constantly sending out updates for special bonus deals from different retailers and that's a great time to buy big. Know how much you need in supplies from Staples in a year? Wait for the bonus deals and buy for the whole year. You can also sign up at www.shopwithscrip.com to receive updates via email for up to the minute bonus sales and new vendors. You log on, click [What's New](#) and enter your email information under [Email Subscription](#) to receive updates. It's free, you don't receive any junk email and you'll know the specials ahead of time!

5. Utilize an array of retailers.

With thousands of companies to choose from, don't limit yourself! Check in at www.shopwithscrip.com and look at all the retailers available. This program is utilized all over the country. You can see travel deals, retailers you can use in other states, as well as helpful hints. Out of state family and friends can use our program to help you save as well. (T.R.I.P. uses some local Retailers which are not listed on the country wide listing for the website; currently Educational Apparel.)

6. You have complete control over how much you save!

Be diligent in your usage of the program. The more you utilize the program, the greater your rewards. Plan ahead and use the program often. Each January and June when your funds are distributed, you will see the rewards for your efforts you'll know your planning was worth it.

7. Learn Retailers rules/restrictions.

Check in at www.shopwithscrip.com and take a look at all the retailers available. Check rules of usage by looking up the Retailer in the alphabetical listing provided or by clicking on the gift card before purchasing and reading the rules shown. Do this before you buy to ensure it's the best purchase for your needs.

8. Let us know if we can help you in any way.

We are here for you, so if you have questions or comments let us know. We want this program to be a great benefit to everyone at GCCS. We realize that not everyone will be able to save thousands of dollars on their tuition but we are here to help you make this program the best it can be for your family. Contact one of our parent volunteers, Beth Bowen via email at Bbowen@gccsk12.org.