

F.A.Q. for the C.V.C.S. Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) – a Scrip Fundraising Program

1. What is “scrip”?

Scrip is an alternate form of payment for your everyday purchases in the form of a gift card or electronic scrip called ScripNOW. CVCS is able to purchase the scrip at a discount. CVCS shares 50% of the discount with participating families as a rebate and retains the rest for fundraising purposes.

2. Who may participate in the Scrip Program?

Anyone may purchase scrip from the program. You do not need to be a parent. We encourage you to get friends and families, involved. They may share their rebate with any (your) student or choose to receive it back in cash. They will still be an important part of fundraising at CVCS just by changing how they pay for everyday purchases.

3. How do I get started?

We highly recommend you start by buying grocery cards as a first step. Shaws, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Walmart and Champlain Valley Discount Food Stores are all available in various denominations. The card rebates vary but most are 5% with occasional bonus offers for higher amounts. If you spend \$600/month at these stores, a total rebate (before sharing) of \$30 is earned. In a year, that amount would be \$360. Results will vary depending on your personal shopping patterns.

4. How do I purchase these cards?

The school office stocks a supply of local grocery stores and popular dining and retail gift cards. Ask for an order form at the front office to view the cards in stock.

5. How do I buy gift cards for a retailer not stocked in the school office?

On a monthly basis, we send an email inviting you to buy physical gift cards through our bulk order. Prepaid orders are dropped off at either the school office or Your Turn Shoppe’s “TRIP” box. The orders are delivered a week later using the choice you indicated on the enrollment form. ScripNOW is always available if you have registered with shopwithscrip.com.

6. Is there a list of all the retailers offering rebates?

Yes. We purchase scrip from the ShopwithScrip.com site. Their site lists all the participating retailers and the rebate percentage being earned. New retailers are added continuously. We also have a number of local retailers which are listed on a monthly order form such as Luigis, Linda’s Apparel, Hollyhocks, Champlain Discount Foods, etc.

7. What is PrestoPay?

PrestoPay is payment for scrip using an electronic withdrawal from your checking account instead of a paper check. Once the set-up is completed, with the assistance of a TRIP coordinator, you may purchase all forms of scrip from the shopwithscrip.com website. After the initial set-up, CVCS is not involved in the withdrawal process.

8. What is ScripNOW?

ScripNOW is a form of electronic-scrip (e-scrip) which is available for purchase 24/7 from our distributor's website and delivered for viewing within minutes (or less) to your "wallet" on the site.

9. What is ReloadNOW?

Some retailers offer reloadable gift cards. You must first purchase a gift card for that retailer, then register the card number for that retailer on the shopwithscrip.com website. *The most popular ReloadNow card we offer is Albertson's which may be used at Shaws Supermarkets.*

10. If I purchase scrip directly from the shopwithscrip.com site, how do I get the benefit of the rebates?

CVCS receives daily notifications of purchases made directly on their site using PrestoPay. The TRIP coordinators record all information on a weekly basis so families have an accurate record of their rebates. Anytime, upon request, we are able to send you a purchase history report which includes those purchased at the school office. It also lists the total rebates earned to date. You may also print a history report from the shopwithscrip.com site for just your PrestoPay purchases.

11. May I pay for scrip using a credit card?

No. Credit card processing was used for a brief time but, in some cases, transaction fees ended up eliminating the rebate earned by the family.

12. How do I know the remaining balance on a gift card?

Each gift card has a telephone number or a website to check your balance. When you use the card, your receipt will give you the remaining balance. Many individuals write this remaining balance on the card with a permanent marker or they wrap the receipt around the card until the next time they use the card.

13. I lost the gift card. What should I do?

The gift cards are like cash and need to be handled like cash. A lost card is not replaceable just like lost cash is not. *However*, if you purchased ScripNow (e-scrip), you may simply reprint the certificate and use it.

14. I missed the monthly order but my appliance (or _____) needs to be replaced. Now I need gift cards. Will you send in a special order?

Yes, we are able to submit a special order. If you have not set up an account with shopwithscrip.com, we are able to order the ScripNOW on your behalf using the school's account. We are happy to do so since it is a win/win for both the school and for your own benefit. If physical gift cards are still needed, we will look at the overall special order profit and make sure the delivery charge to us does not exceed the rebate benefits.

15. When are the rebates paid to us?

The TRIP rebates are issued annually in January based on the previous calendar year's activity. You will also receive a letter providing the amount of your tax-deductible donations as well as how your rebates are being distributed. Any rebates which benefit you personally are not deductible (such as cash back or a tuition credit.)

16. I do not have any children yet. Am I able to save my tuition credits for a future student?

YES! We will provide you with an annual summary of your accumulating tuition credits. When your first student (or friend's student) attends CVCS, we will issue a check to the school for the accumulated tuition credits.

17. I ordered the wrong type of scrip on shopwithscrip.com. What do I do now?

If you ordered physical cards instead of ScripNOW, we are able to cancel the order for you and then guide you how to reorder the ScripNOW. *However*, if you accidentally order ScripNOW and pay for it, the error is not able to be corrected for you. Once ScripNOW is paid for, it becomes like cash.

18. How will I know when a retailer has a special bonus offer?

There are several ways to be alerted to bonus offers.

- a. The best way is to sign up for an account with shopwithscrip.com. They will send emails of 24-hour flash bonuses as well as other special bonus days such as "Thanksgiving Day" which occur throughout the year.
- b. Go to the shopwithscrip.com website and look for the specials link or "What's New".
- c. If you are on Facebook, you may also "like" shopwithscrip.com". You will receive offers and also opportunities to win special drawings. Several families have won prizes. One prize was a basket of \$1,000 in gift cards.
- d. The TRIP Program will send out periodic emails, usually once/month, to update you on an upcoming monthly order date or if a special offer is coming up..

19. Do you have any other literature on how it all works?

Shopwithscrip.com has a brief video and other material available on their website for your perusal. Also shopwithscrip videos on YouTube explain how to get started with PrestoPay or reloading a gift card etc. Joining the TRIP scrip program means you are part of a very, very large family of people "doing good" by maximizing the potential of their everyday purchase habits.

20. Whom do we contact for questions or problems?

The TRIP coordinators alternate during the year. An email to trip@cvcsvt.com or a call to the coordinator "on duty" who will assist you with whatever question you have. We are happy to coach you through any on-line set-up process one on one at the school.