

What is Scrip

There is an easy way to reduce your school fees through the Central Christian School/Sonnenberg Scrip program. Here is how it works: Through the Great Lakes Scrip program, we are able to purchase gift cards at a discount from over 200 local and national merchants. These gift cards can be purchased at 100% of face value while 70% of the discount is applied as a credit toward your tuition fees, and the remaining 30% of the discount is used to maintain the Scrip program.

For example, two of our most popular gift cards are from Buehler's and Marathon. The rebate from Buehler's is 5% and Marathon is 3%. If you purchase \$100 from both places, the full rebate is \$8.00, and your portion of the rebate is \$5.60 that is earned toward tuition fees. Doesn't sound like much? Over the course of the year, buying just these two cards twice a month could result in \$134 in credit toward your tuition account. Just think of your savings if you would add in your spending on dining out, household expenses, home improvement costs, travel or clothing!

Last year, one family earned over \$700 toward their school fees by using Scrip! A local church partnership plan with several families using Scrip, earned over \$1,700.00 toward their partnership plan fees.

So, don't miss out and start saving money toward your tuition costs today!

How do I get started?

Complete an enrollment form and sign a waiver of release. These forms are available on the school website: www.ccscomets.org

Choose the businesses where you plan to shop. Complete the order form and submit it at the designated school box or bring it to Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by the order deadline.

Orders are placed each week (depending on school schedule) on Tuesday mornings and orders are returned to you for pick up or sent home on Friday.

Ask friends and family to do their shopping through Scrip and designate their earnings toward your tuition account. It doesn't cost them any more than they would normally spend.

Twice a year you will receive a report of your earnings, and in mid-May of each year the earnings will be sent to the school to be credited toward your final June payment for that year. If you have paid your account in full, the funds will be credited toward your next year's tuition fees.

SCRIP WORKS BECAUSE EVERYBODY WINS

- With a little planning for purchases you would make anyway, use of the Scrip program can have a real impact on lowering your CCS tuition costs.
- It is safer to use SCRIP cards than a credit card or check when paying for goods (no personal information is on the card).
- Everyone buys groceries or gas, so if you are interested in trying Scrip, that is a place to start. Rebates depend on the vendor, but it all adds up to money deducted from tuition costs.
- The higher percentage of returns are from restaurants, so if you have a favorite restaurant, check to see if they are on the vendor list and order Scrip to have on hand. For example, Applebee's, Darden (Olive Garden/Longhorn), etc., rebate is 8%; Bob Evans, Chipotle, Dutch Kitchen, Wendy's and, etc. give a 10% rebate.
- If you shop at Kohl's and use a Kohl's charge card to pay for your purchases, Kohls accepts scrip "Kohl's Cares" gift cards to pay off your Kohl's credit card balance. That is a nice perk...not a lot of places will allow that.
- Are you making any larger purchases anytime soon from Best Buy, Staple's or Lowe's? If you need to make a large purchase, such as a new TV from Best Buy, computer from Staples, or a water heater from Lowe's, if you are able to plan ahead and purchase Scrip to make the payment, the rebate from the purchase helps to lower your tuition costs.
- Scrip cards also make nice Christmas, wedding or graduation gifts, so keep Scrip in mind as you purchase gifts. Giving gift cards makes your shopping much easier.
- When you are paying a lot for groceries or gas, it is at least nice to know that a percentage of it is going to help your yearly tuition costs.
- There is also something satisfying about using a gift card to pay for items, because when you use your Scrip card to purchase groceries, gas, etc., or to eat out, your purchase or meal is already paid for!
- Scrip rebates from cards you purchase are totaled up each year in May and those rebates will be sent to Central to deduct from your final June tuition payment.

SCRIP MERCHANTS

There are currently over 750 local and nationwide merchants participating in the Scrip program, including:

Grocery

Buehler's, Food Lion, Giant Eagle, GFS Marketplace, Meijer, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, etc.

Gas

BP, Circle K, Exxon/Mobil, Marathon, Pilot, Sheetz, Shell, Speedway, Sunoco, etc.

Restaurants

Applebee's, Arby's, Bob Evans, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Darden (Olive Garden/Longhorn), Chipotle, Dairy Queen, Dutch Kitchen, Panera Bread, Papa Johns, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster, Starabuck's Subway, Taco Bell, Wendy's. etc.

Stores

Ace Hardware, Amazon.com, Bath & Body, Best Buy, Cabela's, CVS Pharmacy, Dick's Sporting Good, Dunham Sports, Five Below, Gamestop, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, K-Mart, Kohl's, Lowes, Marshalls, Meijers Menards, Michaels, Old Navy/Gap, REI, Rite Aid, Sally's Beauty Supply, Sam's Club, Sears, Shutterfly, Staples, T.J. Maxx, Target, Wal-Mart, etc.

Local Vendors

Buehler's, P. Graham Dunn, Dutch Kitchen, Sure House Coffee

Sample Scrip Order

Vendor	Purchase	Earnings
Buehler's	\$300	\$10.50
Marathon	200	4.20
Kohl's	100	2.80
Lowe's	200	5.60
Wal-Mart	100	2.10
Applebee's	50	2.80
CVS Pharmacy	50	2.10
Marathon	100	2.10

Total Earnings: \$31.90

If this order was placed 11 times in a year, your earnings would be \$350.90!

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